

# She Got A Better Man

It wasn't until her lips stung that Elvira awoke from her daze. She pushed Zach away and turned her head. Zach, however, wanted more. He bit her delicate earlobe.

"Mr. Gilbert, please... stop... Elvira couldn't take it anymore. She was panting, her cheeks flushed. Her dark eyes glistened alluringly.

Zach parted from her. Both of them were sweating. The atmosphere was quite ambiguous.

"Elvira" Zach looked at her. This was the first time a woman made him lose control and ignited his powerful desires.

Elvira felt awkward. She sensed that Zach was dangerous but couldn't seem to

Elvira looked at him. His body was hot. "Yes?" El avoid him.

"Are you and your ex broken up?" Zach stared into her eyes.

"Yes. I won't accept a fickle man like him," Elvira answered firmly. As though remembering something, Elvira added, "Don't worry. I won't get involved with other men while we're married. I've principles." Zach responded. "I didn't mean that. I mean, if you're single, give me a

chance."

Elvira was shocked. Zach had said they would divorce once his grandmother recovered. "Why is he suggesting this suddenly?" she wondered.

"What? You don't want?" When Zach felt he was about to combust from within, he straightened and let her off.

Elvira didn't know what to say. Zach was good, handsome, and kind. He would be a good husband if they got along. She also liked Tracy. However, her family was complicated and Elvira didn't want to drag him in.

"Forget what I said then. Zach didn't want to force her. Any man would lose control over what happened this morning. He was the same.

Zach left the bedroom. Elvira looked at the closed door and sighed. She hugged her knees and soon was lost in thought.

Zach took a cold shower. Being rejected irritated him. When he returned, he appeared expressionless and cold. After changing, he left, ignoring Tracy's call to eat.

Elvira ate breakfast with a mixture of feelings in her heart. Tracy complained about Zach but soon urged Elvira to eat more.

After breakfast, Elvira went to work. She worked at a branch of Willis Group, as requested by Vincent. Because Marsh was in their hands, Elvira had to listen.

Elvira knew it was probably Amber's doing. Amber wanted to ruin her and her brother, preventing them from achieving anything. She wanted Judy to outshine them. Elvira thought that compromising would save Marsh. It didn't seem to work. Elvira didn't want to endure anymore. She would resign today.

Elvira typed out her resignation letter in the office. When her supervisor arrived, she went to him and handed it in

"What's this!" Randall Harding looked at the resignation letter.

Randall was Amber's nephew. Amber wanted Randall to keep an eye on

Elvira so she wouldn't amount to anything.

"I'm resigning, Mr. Harding. You should find a replacement," Elvira said.

"Did you tell your father? Did he agree?" Randall didn't want Elvira to leave. Amber had told him not to let Elvira escape his control.

"I've already resigned. I'm leaving." Elvira turned to leave.

"Hold on. You should at least finish the work you have at hand, right?" Randall could only slow Elvira down so he could find a solution.

"Okay, I'll give you a week. Then, I'm not coming back." With that, Elvira left.

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Randall quickly called Amber. Amber's eyes gleamed and she gave Randall some instructions.

Elvira was busy throughout the afternoon, mostly handling miscellaneous tasks. It was one of the ways Amber used to suppress her.

"Elvira, I've a contract you need to deliver to Mr. Bacchus from Walenburg Steel. It's important. You must go personally." Randall handed the contract to Elvira and the address.

Elvira took the contract and grabbed a cab to the hotel. She went upstairs, found the room, and rang the doorbell.

The door opened, revealing a middle-aged man. He looked at Elvira with amazement. "Ms. Willis, please come in." Perry Bacchus gestured her in

"Mr. Harding asked me to hand this to you. Since that's it, I should leave." Elvira handed the contract over.

Perry insisted, "I've something for you to give him. Come in first."

Elvira thought she would be quick, so she entered. When the door closed, Perry's eyes flashed lecherously. When Elvira turned to ask about the stuff, Perry embraced her, attempting to kiss her. "Ms. Willis, you're beautiful. If you marry me, you'll live the good life." Startled, Elvira pushed Perry away and slapped him.

Being older and self-indulgent, Perry wasn't in his best shape. He stumbled and fell. He stood up and cursed, "You shameless slut. Who do you think you are? You're lucky I want to marry you. I'm going to fuck you today."

Elvira was mad. She saw the perverted adult toys Perry had prepared for her and kicked him when he rushed over with a whip.

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"Let's see who's the one who's fucked. Elvira proceeded to kick Perry's ass until he howled in pain. He stopped swearing and soon begged for mercy. Elvira couldn't marry Calvin any more. She also understood that she wouldn't get Marsh back. Thus, Elvira decided to stop pretending to be weak. After beating Perry, Elvira was sweating. Her hair was messy and her clothes ruffled. She held her high heels in her hand as she left the room. The opposite door opened and three men walked out, with Zach in the lead.

Elvira froze.

Zach frowned. The man on Zach's right eyed Elvira, thinking. This chick looks like she just had a wild time. Who's the lucky guy? The man on Zach's left was expressionless, as though he didn't see Elvira. "Mr. C

"Mr. Gilbert. What a coincidence." Elvira greeted Zach and awkwardly smoothed her hair.

"You know her, Zach?" Samson Lawson was surprised.

"You guys

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ahead. I've got stuff to do," Zach ordered.

"But Zach... Spike Riley covered Samson's mouth and dragged him away, not allowing him to stick his nose into Zach's

matters.

Samson was furious. He wanted to know who Elvira was but Spike was tougher than him.

Zach looked at Elvira coldly. Elvira closed the door behind her quickly, saying, "Erm. I gotta go." She thought it best to leave since Perry was knocked out.

Zach grabbed her and pressed her up against the door. Anger surged in him. However, Elvira felt guilty but didn't want Zach to know she had a violent side.

"Is this what you mean by not being involved with other men?" Zach's expression grew increasingly dark. Elvira had rejected him this morning, only to book a room with another man. "What?" Elvira didn't understand.

Zach pushed Elvira aside and took out his universal room key card. He wanted to see the man Elvira chose over him.

Elvira stopped him. "You can't go in."

"Move!" Zach opened the door and strode in.

Elvira looked around nervously. Seeing no one, she slipped in and looked at Zach.

Zach was shocked to see the bloodied and unconscious man. He turned to look at Elvira. So, Elvira looked like that because she was beating him, not sleeping with him?

"It's not my fault. It's self-defense. My stepmom is behind this. I came here to deliver a contract but he got all touchy-feely." Elvira's voice grew firmer as she explained,

Zach felt complicated. He didn't expect her family to treat her this badly.

Perry heard voices and his eyelids moved. Elvira noticed and grabbed a vase to smash him with.

Zach stopped her. "Don't. That might kill him."

"Let's leave then. Don't let him see you." Elvira threw the vase aside and fled with Zach. When they left the room, Elvira whispered, "Don't let him see you. You're just an ordinary guy and your grandma is sick. You can't offend rich blokes like them."

Zach was moved. Elvira only felt relieved when they were out of the hotel. She hailed a cab and pushed Zach in first. She told

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the driver to drive before asking Zach, "Where are you going?"

"Lunch." Zach gave an address.

Elvira's phone rang. It was Amber. "Elvira, how dare you beat Mr. Bacchus up when I kindly found a rich man for you? Mr. Bacchus said that unless you marry him, he'll sue you and put you in jail. Go beg for his forgiveness now," "If he's so good, let Judy marry him," Elvira retorted.

"Judy is going to marry Calvin. How can you compare to her? If you bring us trouble, your dad will kick your ass." Amber was panicking. She had made the introduction, hoping to make some money. Now Perry wouldn't spare any of them. Elvira got her into serious trouble.

Elvira snorted. "You and Judy are so alike. If you both want to play the third party, do it. Count me out. Besides, I've nothing to do with family." She hung up.

Elvira didn't notice Zach send a few messages before putting his phone away when Elvira was done.

"Your stepmom? She's mean to you?" Zach asked.

Elvira smiled bitterly. "That's the understatement of the year. She would kill me if it helped her daughter. She even ruined my brother. I used to dream of... Never mind. Talking about the past won't change anything.

The sorrow on Elvira's face made Zach's heart ache. So Elvira and him both had evil stepmothers.

Zach held Elvira's hand. Elvira wanted to pull away but Zach held firm, saying, "Don't forget. We're married."

"But isn't it fake?" Elvira felt awkward, remembering what happened this morning.

"The license is real. Zach looked at her and continued, "Give what I said this morning some thought."

"Mr. Gilbert, my family situation is complicated. I don't want to burden you with it," Elvira explained earnestly.

"You mean, it's not that you don't like me?" Zach's irritable mood miraculously calmed.

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"My family has power and influence. If you offend them because of me, they won't spare you or Tracy." Elvira pursed her lips.

Zach planted a kiss on her lips. "Don't worry. I can take care of myself," he whispered.

Zach's warm breath on her ear sent shivers down Elvira's spine. She tried to move away but Zach pulled her into his arms.

Elvira flushed red. She reminded him, "We're in a cab."

Zach froze. He finally understood what his grandmother meant. If they were in his car, he could kiss her.

Elvira pushed him away and shifted to the side, afraid he might get handsy again. "Why do you have a universal room key card? Aren't you supposed to be working now?" Elvira eyed him suspiciously.

"My friend owns that hotel. He asked for my help, Zach explained.

'No wonder,' Elvira thought. Her phone rang again. She looked at it, rejected the call, and blocked the number.

Vincent was furious when Elvira didn't answer. His dislike for her increased. Judy, by comparison, was less of a troublemaker.

"Vincent, what do we do now? Mr. Bacchus is furious. He said he wouldn't let her off unless Elvira apologized. Elvira went too far this time. She had agreed to the blind date. Even if she hates me, she should put the family's interests first." Amber shifted the blame to Elvira, neglecting to mention her role in it.

"The damn girl thinks I can't do anything to her, huh? This isn't your fault. It's Elvira's. She's nothing compared to Judy." Vincent's disapproval of Elvira reached a new high.

Amber relaxed. She even tried to speak for Elvira but only added fuel to the fire.

Zach took Elvira to the most upscale restaurant in Jersten, Vilzell. Only the wealthiest could dine there. Only members could book a table there. People in Jersten took pride in being a member of Vilzell. It was considered the ultimate honor to treat someone there. Elvira knew that. Calvin was a member, but he had never brought her here. Thinking Zach didn't know, Elvira tried to find a way to explain without hurting his pride.

However, before Elvira could, Judy's voice came. "Elvira, what a coincidence. Are you here to dine too?"

Elvira's face darkened when she saw Judy and Calvin. Elvira and Calvin had just broken up and these two were already inseparable. How shameless.

"Is that any of your business?" Elvira asked coldly, pulling Zach with her to leave.

Judy also noticed Zach. Zach was so handsome and had such a strong presence that it was difficult not to.

Calvin noticed Elvira too. He frowned. "Elvira, even if you know my VIP member number, it doesn't mean you can bring someone to freeload. You can't enter without a reservation."

"Calvin, don't talk to her like that. Since Elvira wants to eat here, let's take her in, Judy said coquettishly.

Calvin glanced at Elvira, who looked cold. Elvira was his ex-fiancée, after all. He couldn't let her embarrass herself. Tll let her in, for your sake, Judy. But only her. Let's go. Elvira. Calvin sounded like he was doing her a favor.

Elvira was upset. She looked at Zach, afraid that he'd be hurt. However, Zach seemed indifferent, as though he didn't care about Calvin's words. Elvira was relieved. She was about to refuse them since Calvin and Judy had assumed they wanted in when they didn't. The scumbags did like to assume things.

"Elvira, aren't you married? You should keep your distance from other men, even if you're about to be divorced. It's not good to be with someone else before the divorce is final," Judy said disapprovingly. She believed Elvira married an ordinary and ugly man, so she couldn't accept Zach was her husband..

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Elvira had enough of Judy's drama. She grabbed Zach's arm and proclaimed, "Do you think everyone likes to be a third party like you? This is my husband, Zach Gilbert"

Judy's face went pale. She was a public figure. If someone had overheard, her acting career would be over. "Elvira, you're joking. How can that be true? Judy refused to believe Elvira's husband was so dashing.

Zach hugged Elvira then, kissing her quickly before Calvin and Elvira. Then, Zach looked coldly at them and spoke imposingly, Tm Elvira's husband. I'll arrange a time to visit her father. Not that it's your business." Watching Zach handle them effortlessly, Elvira's mood improved considerably. She smiled.

Calvin was annoyed, but he had ended things with Elvira. Judy was shocked and looked at the impatient Calvin, who spoke, "Then let's go in together."

Judy didn't say anything,

Elvira refused. "Sorry. I won't eat with scumbags. We'll go somewhere else."

"Enough, Elvira If not for Judy, do you think I would let you in? How would you ever enter then?" Calvin looked at Zach provocatively, his meaning clear. Zach was nothing compared to him. Chapter 14

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"Calvin, don't be mad. If you don't bring them in, they can't go in, Judy gently persuaded Calvin.

Elvira frowned. She wasn't afraid of embarrassing herself but worried about Zach. She ignored Calvin and Judy and grabbed Zach to go.

Zach didn't move. Instead, he walked into the restaurant with Elvira. Elvira grabbed Zach's sleeve anxiously. "We aren't members and we don't have a reservation."

"Don't worry," Zach reassured as he confidently walked into the restaurant. No one stopped them.

Elvira felt both puzzled and surprised.

Calvin frowned. He asked a nearby staff, "Don't you need to check our membership at the entrance?"

"Yes, sir," the staff replied respectfully.

"How come they just walked in then?" Calvin questioned, pointing at Zach and Elvira.

The staff thought, 'That's because the owner specifically instructed they could. They must also be given the best treatment. The staff answered vaguely, "Special circumstances. He couldn't reveal more or he'd be fired.

Judy frowned. She turned to enter but the staff stopped her. "Sorry. I got word that the whole restaurant is reserved for this afternoon. We're not receiving guests."

"What? Does that mean Elvira and her husband will be kicked out too?" Judy was thrilled. She loved to see Elvira humiliated. "I'm not sure. I'm only obeying instructions. As compensation, you'll have 20% off on your next bill, the staff was polite but firm. Calvin was unhappy but didn't dare to cause trouble. Her membership was bought at a high price



by his father. If he lost it, his father would kick his ass. The membership card was a symbol of status in Jersten.

Soon, all the diners were told to leave. Although upset, none dared to complain and left.

When nearly everyone was gone, Judy still hadn't seen Elvira and Zach, Judy couldn't help but ask, "Why aren't Elvira and Zach out yet?"

"I wouldn't know. Perhaps you can call her," the staff replied expressionlessly.

Calvin was frowning. The only one who could book the whole restaurant and kick everyone out must be incredibly powerful.

It couldn't be Zach

Judy looked bad. She wouldn't allow Elvira to get the better of her. She tried to call Elvira but couldn't get through,

"Don't bother. That guy is probably a waiter here so Elvira could stay." Calvin stated.

Judy accepted that gladly. She grinned and hugged Calvin's arm. "You're right. Elvira's so pitiful to have married him. We must introduce someone wealthier to her."

"You're so nice to her but she's never grateful. Forget about her. Calvin didn't want Elvira to find someone better than him. Luckily, Zach seemed to be dependent on Elvira and was nothing compared to a wealthy heir like him. Judy and Calvin left.

Judy took one last look at the restaurant. She seemed to see Elvira sitting in the best spot in the middle of the restaurant. Zach must have arranged it to satisfy Elvira's vanity. Zach was too much.

Judy and Calvin hoped Elvira's life would worsen. So, even when faced with the truth, they refused to admit it.

Elvira and Zach sat at the best spot in the restaurant, and the manager personally attended to them. Elvira felt unreal. When the other guests were escorted out, she whispered, "Something seems to be happening. Shall we go somewhere else?"

"Relax. Order whatever you want." Zach calmly ordered a few signature foods.

The manager nodded and noted down the order. Since no one was chasing them away, Elvira ordered her favorites too. When everyone cleared out, Elvira asked curiously, "How can you get in without a membership?"

\*Remember the two men with me just now?" Zach questioned.

Elvira nodded.

"They owned this restaurant. That's how I got in, Zach explained.

"Your friends are impressive," Elvira remarked in astonishment.

"There's more to it. They're involved in various fields," Zach told her, thinking about all the places he could take her in the future. He decided to lay the foundation so Elvira wouldn't be suspicious.

"How did you guys meet?" Elvira asked curiously.

"They got into a serious car accident and I happened to pass by and rescue them. Since then, we are good friends." Zach wasn't lying. He did save Samson and Spike in an accident, but when he was a teenager. Both of them willingly followed Zach wherever he went since.

"You were about to say something about your dreams just now. What was it? Zach changed the topic, afraid of accidentally revealing too much. He remembered that Elvira looked sad.

"Let's not talk about the past. Let's eat. Kicking ass takes a lot of energy." Elvira changed the topic too.

Zach didn't press further. He believed that Elvira would open up to him eventually.

The food in the restaurant was superb. It was so delicious that Elvira ate more than usual.

Before leaving, Zach pulled the manager aside and told him to revoke Calvin's membership. Zach didn't want to see Calvin there anymore.

Without hesitation, the manager immediately did it.

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Calvin was bewildered when he received a notification that his membership card was invalidated. He called to ask but was told curtly that he had offended someone.

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Calvin smashed his phone angrily. 'How could I explain to Dad? he thought. They got most of their family businesses because they had Vilzell's membership. His father would be furious.

Calvin thought about it. He couldn't recall offending anyone important lately, except for ditching Elvira. He thought, 'It can't be her. If Elvira were capable, she couldn't have suffered for so many years. Thinking about Zach, Calvin felt uncomfortable. Zach was intimidating but Calvin refused to think he was capable. Zach was only a waiter.

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Soon, Calvin's father, Mike Kennedy, called to yell at him for losing the membership.

Sweating profusely, Calvin protested, "Dad, it has nothing to do with me. I didn't do anything"

"That's bullshit. I called them. They told me to ask who you offended. Calvin, you've caused our family a lot of trouble." Mike was genuinely mad.

Calvin was even more puzzled by his development. He was sure he didn't offend anyone..

After they hailed a cab and got in, Zach's phone rang. The servant at home informed Zach that Tracy had fainted and was rushed to the hospital. Zach's expression changed. He told the cab driver to head straight to the hospital. "What's wrong? Is Tracy okay?" Elvira inquired nervously.

"Grandma fainted and was sent to the hospital. Zach clenched his fists. He regretted not obeying his grandmother and marrying sooner. If he had, his grandmother could have had the surgery earlier instead of barely holding on. Elvira held Zach's hand. Tracy will be fine. Don't think the worst."

Zach looked at her, then hugged her. Elvira's breath caught. She wasn't used to being so intimate. But since Zach was upset, Elvira didn't push him away. She patted him. "Relax. It will be fine."

When they arrived at Tracy's ward, Tracy was awake, though looking frail. Elvira grabbed her hand and asked about her. Zach questioned the doctor about Tracy's condition.

The doctor told Zach that Tracy had to have the surgery as soon as possible. Zach agreed. The doctor nodded and left. "Scared you, did I? I'm fine." Tracy smiled and looked at Elvira affectionately. "Don't say that. If they brought you a little later, you'd have died." Zach's eyes were red.

Zach was raised by his grandparents. His grandfather had passed away a few years ago, leaving his grandmother as his only relative who treated him well.

"I know, sorry. Now that you're married, I'll have the surgery soon. If you two give me a great-grandchild, I promise to live as old as I can, okay? Tracy looked at them while grinning.

Elvira was stunned. She wondered, 'We are just married and Tracy is already talking about having children?'

Don't break your promise: Zach approached and held Tracy's other hand.

Zach had agreed. Tracy knew it. Zach wouldn't be able to resist Elvira once he knew more about her. Tracy remarked, "I won't. I can't wait to see your child. You two can focus on your careers and I'll take care of it. Elvira blinked. She hadn't even agreed yet.

After Tracy fell asleep, Zach and Elvira left the ward. Thinking about the surgery, Elvira transferred 40 thousand dollars to

him.

Zach saw the notification on the phone and looked at Elvira.

Elvira spoke, "Tracy's about to have the surgery. Keep it. You might have to spend on other stuff too. Don't worry. We're married. I'll help you out."

"Elvira, have you considered my suggestion?" Zach couldn't describe the feelings swirling within him. In a world full of materialism and lies, Elvira was a "fool, but her "foolishness" touched his soul.

Taken aback, Elvira put down her phone and blinked at him. "If you're not afraid of my family troubles, let's try it."

Having spent two days with him, Elvira knew she didn't dislike him. She liked his kisses too, although she felt awkward. Since she was single, she could give it a try.

Seeing Elvira's face reddened, Zach leaned in closer. Elvira stepped back, stuttering, "W-what are you doing?"

Elvira was pressed up against the wall. Zach caged her in with an arm and raised her chin. He commanded, "Close your eyes."

Elvira obeyed. Zach's lips fell on hers. Fireworks exploded in Elvira's mind. She opened her eyes, gazing at Zach's handsome face. His unique scent surrounded her. Her breath caught.

After kissing Elvira for two minutes, Zach noticed her face getting redder. He let her go reluctantly and pinched her chin. "You need to learn to breathe while kissing."

Elvira stared at him and said, I'm not as experienced as you."

"It's common sense. Zach lowered his head to kiss her

again.

Elvira stopped him, glancing around. A few people were watching from a distance. She turned redder and pulled Zach into a nearby stairwell.

Not far away, Olivia admired the photo of the couple kissing and was delighted. She sent the photo to Elvira with a big thumbs-up.