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"Let's go see how they're doing," Serenity said to Kiera.

She couldn't join in the children's activities but was happy to watch them play. Kiera, who enjoyed having fun, was glad to accompany her. So, they followed Rowan and Sonny.

"When are you and Young Master Bucham getting married?" Serenity asked, looking at Kiera.

Kiera blushed a little and replied, "Julian wants it to be soon, but I still feel young, so I'm not in a rush." After a pause, she added, "But I trust him completely, and my whole family likes him."

Serenity smiled. "I've heard Julian made quite an impression on your family. And Mr. and Mrs. Bucham are also easygoing. They've been looking forward to having a daughter-in-law for a long time."

The Bucham parents were indeed approachable around familiar faces. With the close bond between the York and Bucham families, they treated Serenity as a member of their own family, making her feel at ease.

Julian's case was unique. He could only see Kiera as the woman for him. He wanted to get married, start a family, and fully embrace his role as a husband and father. Mr. and Mrs. Bucham were aware of this and were supportive of his choice. Since Julian found his perfect match in Kiera, they were more than happy to welcome her into the family.

Kiera was exactly the kind of daughter-in-law they had hoped for—strong, skilled, and self-reliant. The Caron family's martial arts school had students from all over the world, making Kiera not only capable but also respected. Anyone who wished to trouble Kiera would think twice. Her strength and confidence made her the ideal partner for Julian.

Julian's parents, having faced years of uncertainty about his future, were willing to accept any partner he chose, regardless of age or background. They never imagined their son would find someone like Kiera—young, beautiful, confident, and skilled in both academics and self-defense. Her family

background was also solid. To Mr. and Mrs. Bucham, it felt like their ancestors were blessing them, ensuring Julian met Kiera.

Serenity continued, "Young Master Bucham is deeply committed to you, and you're both at a great age for marriage. Since you love each other, there's no harm in tying the knot sooner. I imagine he's feeling a bit anxious—after all, he isn't getting any younger."

Julian was just a year younger than Duncan, making his eagerness understandable.

Kiera nodded. "He wants us to get the marriage certificate first, then choose a good day for the wedding."

The Bucham family had already sent a formal betrothal gift to Kiera's family. During their initial visit, Mr. and Mrs. Bucham brought a generous gift, but the Caron family initially declined. Once Kiera and Julian's relationship was stable and both families approved, the Buchams added even more gifts to the betrothal package, which the Caron family eventually accepted.

The lavish gifts from the Bucham family showed just how much they valued this marriage.

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Serenity asked, "So, Miss Caron, you and Young Master Bucham are planning to get your marriage certificate before the New Year?"

Kiera nodded, "Yes, tomorrow morning at around nine, we're going to the Civil Affairs Bureau to get our marriage certificate."

Serenity congratulated her immediately. "Kiera, congratulations! You're going to be so happy with Young Master Bucham, and you won't have to worry about him changing his mind. He's committed to having only you in his life."

Kiera blushed and said, "Miss York, don't laugh at me, but what moved me the most is that he truly only reacts to me. Just like you said, there's no need to worry about him changing his mind. He doesn't feel anything for other women."

She had recently learned about Julian's condition, but she was willing to accept it. Moreover, since meeting him, they had gotten along well, and Julian had proven to be the kind of husband she wanted. Her family had thoroughly investigated him—her father even flew to Wiltspoon to learn about the Bucham family's reputation and Julian's character. Finding them upstanding, her father approved of their relationship.

As for the Bucham family's high social standing, her father had confidently remarked, "Is our Caron family any less distinguished?" Kiera agreed; her family's status was not low, and she felt they matched the Bucham family.

Serenity smiled and reassured her, "Why would I laugh at you? Any woman in your position would be moved by a man like Julian, or at least consider giving him a chance."

"Let's sit down," Serenity continued. "I have a heavy belly now and get tired easily."

After taking a seat on a bench by the roadside, Serenity habitually placed her hand on her belly. She felt a gentle kick in response to her touch. Every time she did it, the baby responded.

Kiera looked at her belly with a gentle smile and asked, "Is the baby moving?"

"Yes, it is," Serenity replied. "But not too much. I think it has a calm temperament. People say a person's personality starts forming in the womb."

"Like his father," Kiera laughed. "Young Master York is also calm. He must be looking forward to the birth of your child."

"Don't just talk about him," Serenity replied, smiling. "I'm excited too."

As she stopped touching her belly, Serenity continued, "It's our first time being parents. I've taken care of babies before, like my nephew Sonny, but he's not my child—it's different."

"It's just a shame it's not a girl," Serenity admitted. She had been secretly hoping for a daughter, especially whenever she saw Avah, which made her empathize with her grandmother's wish for a little girl in their big family. "You can always try for a second," Kiera encouraged. "Families like yours don't have financial pressure. The third-child policy is relaxed now; you could aim for both a son and a daughter."

"Maybe," Serenity said thoughtfully. "But let's see in a few years, once this one is old enough to go to kindergarten. If the second child is also a boy, then I'll stop trying. I don't want to risk the loneliness of having just one child. Having two would be good for companionship."

She appreciated the positive family atmosphere in her husband's home and felt confident they could raise their children well.

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Serenity admired her grandmother-in-law's way of raising children and grandchildren. Zachary came from a generation of nine brothers. If she and Zachary didn't have a daughter, she was hopeful one of the others would break the pattern.

A fortune-teller her grandmother consulted had predicted that she and Zachary would have both sons and daughters, but Serenity didn't want to fully believe it until it came true.

Kiera laughed and said, "The more people there are, the higher the chance! But it's always more special to have your own daughter, to spoil her."

"You're right," Serenity said, smiling softly. "I just don't know if Zachary and I are meant for that."

"With modern science, there are ways," Kiera suggested, but then quickly added, "Although... if your family is strictly traditional, interfering might not be worth the pain."

She worried the York family's strong lineage might prove unchangeable, and artificial measures could lead to more heartbreak if they failed to raise a daughter.

Kiera changed the subject to lighten the mood. "How is your sister and the fourth young master Lewis? Any progress?"

Serenity smiled at the mention of her sister's happiness. "Liberty and Duncan plan to get their marriage certificate first, then have a wedding after the New Year. They're coming back from Jensburg soon to make it official, just like you and Julian."

Kiera was genuinely happy for them. "Young Master Lewis has finally found his happiness. I wish them a long, joyful life together."

Serenity expressed her gratitude and reflected on her sister's journey with Duncan. Initially, Liberty had rejected Duncan's feelings, and the Lewis family had opposed their relationship. But Duncan remained determined, believing his happiness was his choice, and no matter his parents' disapproval, he pursued Liberty.

Even after Duncan's accident and fears of being a burden to Liberty, his parents had eventually accepted their relationship. Liberty had taken care of him, and despite their struggles, the couple had emerged stronger.

Now, Serenity was hopeful that her sister and Duncan would continue to face life's challenges together, just as she and Zachary aimed to do.

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Zachary and Julian stepped out of the house, followed by two servants carrying a large tray with food and drinks. The servants kept pace behind their masters.

Both men had sharp eyesight and soon spotted their beloved partners seated at a distance.

Without needing to ask, Zachary sensed that Serenity was a bit tired.

In the past, he had seen female employees in his company work late into their pregnancies, even when their bellies were noticeably large. Although their duties were lighter, many continued working.

Having observed this, Zachary assumed that pregnancy and childbirth were relatively easy. He hadn't considered these women's perspectives. They kept working, even when pregnant, out of fear that taking extended leave would lead to being replaced or sidelined, forcing them to start over in the competitive environment of a large organization.

Climbing the corporate ladder is a challenging process, with promotions requiring persistence. No one wants to lose their hard-earned positions, so they push themselves to work until around eight months of pregnancy. At that point, even if they wish to continue, companies usually enforce maternity leave to protect them.

Zachary had seen these scenarios play out numerous times. When Serenity first got pregnant, she insisted on continuing her work and running her business. Zachary supported her choice without hesitation.

Now, with Serenity's growing belly, Zachary realized pregnancy wasn't as easy as he once thought. Serenity's stamina was exceptional, yet even she needed frequent breaks after short walks. Before pregnancy, she could explore all of Wildridge Manor in one go without complaining. As a martial artist, her strength surpassed that of many ordinary women.

With the year-end approaching, Elisa had taken on most of Serenity's company responsibilities, leaving Serenity and Jasmine to only make occasional visits. Jasmine, however, continued going to the bookstore every day. Despite it being the off-season during winter break, she preferred staying active rather than being confined at home during her pregnancy.

Though Jasmine's family and in-laws provided her with all the support she needed, and money was not a concern, she still felt restless. Used to a life of freedom and activity, she found staying at home monotonous.

Her husband, Josh, adored her deeply and supported whatever made her happy. Working at the bookstore allowed her to read, chat with neighbors, visit friends, and pass the time in a fulfilling way. Earning money wasn't the priority; her happiness was.

"There they are," Julian pointed out to Zachary.

He had been worried he might need to search for Kiera and Serenity, and had even taken out his phone to call Kiera. Wildridge Manor was vast, with each season offering unique and stunning views. Julian, familiar with its beauty, always took the opportunity to explore the grounds whenever he visited Grandma York, marveling at the different seasonal displays.

"I see them. Let's head over," Zachary replied. "There's a pavilion nearby. Let's call them to join us there for tea and a chat."

With that, Zachary started walking briskly towards Serenity, with Julian following close behind. On the way, Julian inquired about the marriage certificate process.

"You don't need to ask anyone for advice," Zachary responded. "Just gather all the required documents and head to the Civil Affairs Bureau tomorrow morning. They'll guide you through the process. Fewer people are getting married these days, so you won't have to wait in line. It'll be quick and easy."

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In reality, more people were getting divorced these days, but Zachary chose not to mention it. Julian and Kiera were about to get their marriage certificate, and bringing up divorce would feel inauspicious. Zachary wasn't one to dampen the mood.

Julian smiled and admitted, "This is my first time getting married. I have no experience, so I need to ask questions and have a plan."

Zachary turned to him with a smile and teased, "How many times do you plan on getting married? I didn't have any experience, either. When Seren and I got married, it was a flash wedding, and we barely knew each other. After we got the certificate, I even forgot I was married! You're already ahead of me you two are in love and have a solid foundation."

Julian laughed and kept up with Zachary's stride, throwing an arm around his shoulder as they walked. "Well, thanks to your experience, we all know what not to do."

Zachary just shook his head.

Julian continued, "Now, the two of you are so happy that people are both envious and jealous. I want to follow your lead and give Kiera a life that makes others envious."

Zachary gently removed Julian's arm from his shoulder. "You might even surpass me. But remember, a lot of your wife-pampering skills came from me."

"Then I guess I owe you some tuition fees," Julian joked, feeling at a loss.

Julian loved Kiera deeply and was ready to spoil her forever. How did it turn into a situation where he was learning from Zachary? It dawned on him that the Zachary he knew had changed—love had softened him.

Love is a powerful force; it can be as small as letting go of someone or as big as transforming a person. For Zachary, the power of love had undoubtedly been life-changing.

"Seren!" Zachary called out from more than ten meters away.

His face lit up with a broad smile.

Kiera watched Zachary approach with a grin, thinking he seemed to radiate a golden aura, making him both attractive and charming. When she noticed Julian walking alongside him, her eyes turned to her own man. Julian might not be as striking as Zachary, but to Kiera, he was perfect.

"Why not stay and chat with Grandma?" Serenity asked Zachary gently as she stood up.

"Grandma said she was feeling sleepy and wanted to rest," Zachary explained. "So Julian and I decided to find a spot to relax and enjoy the view. When I saw you two here, I thought I'd join you."

Zachary reached Serenity and naturally took her hand. "There's a pavilion nearby, Seren. Let's go sit there. I'll have someone bring some food and drinks."

He then turned to Kiera and invited her with a smile, "Miss Caron, please join us."

Kiera smiled warmly, knowing that wherever Julian went, she would follow.

The group made their way to the pavilion.

"Have you seen Sonny?" Zachary asked as they walked.

"Rowan took him to the children's playground," Serenity replied. "If you listen closely, you can hear Sonny's laughter. With Rowan looking after him, I'm not worried. Let him enjoy himself for a few days."