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### Chapter 601 | [Serenity & Zachary]

“Mom.”

Hank entered the station, only to find her mother falling off the chair. Taking quick paces, he went up to pick his mother up. However, her mother could not stand still and was weak in her knees.

“What happened to you, Mom?”

Hank picked the chair up and helped his mother to sit down.

His mother stared at Liberty with a complicated look on her face.

Hank took a glance at her sister and found her with her jaw dropped while color drained from her face.

“Are you alright, Mrs. Brown?”

Having tagged along Hank, Jessica asked Mrs. Brown with concern.

She then turned her attention to Liberty with the intention to rip one into her. Even if Liberty was divorced, she should not have scared her former mother-in-law. Nevertheless, Jessica was taken aback by Elisa’s presence. Jessica thought her eyes were playing tricks on her.

Mrs. Stone and the others were not public figures, but Elisa was famous and went viral for courting Zachary. Without a doubt, Jessica knew who she was.

At the time, she was envious of Elisa’s entitlement to go after Zachary.

“Is that you, Ms. Stone?” Jessica asked.

Elisa lifted her chin high. “Who are you?”

“It’s really you, Ms. Stone. I’m Jessica Yates, the secretary to the manager of Waltham Electronics.”

Jessica excitedly whipped out her business card and handed one to Elisa.

Without putting her hand out, Elisa uttered in disdain, “You’re the homewrecker who destroyed Liberty’s marriage. Don’t give me any business cards because I only accept them from decent human beings, not floozies.”

Jessica was speechless.

Her cheeks burned with shades of red.

Embarrassed, Jessica withdrew her arm.

Although his mother and sister were not talking, Hank knew from Liberty and his sister’s bruises that they had a fight. Since his mother and sister had probably started it, Hank immediately apologized to Liberty.

“I’m sorry, Liberty. I apologize on my mother and sister’s behalf no matter what they did. I’m sorry. I’ll tell them off and stop them from ever bothering you.”

“Please, for Sonny’s sake, can you overlook this once? I’ll meet your demands, whatever they may be.”

Afraid that his mother and sister would end up in jail, Hank took the initiative to apologize and was open to hearing Liberty’s demands.

The police officers believed that it was best to have family disputes resolved.

“Liberty...”

Mrs. Brown fell to the ground, but this time, on her knees.

“I had no conscience. I was wrong, Liberty. I deserve to die. Please forgive me. I won’t give you trouble anymore. I’m begging you. Please find it in your heart to forgive Chelsea and I.”

If the kneeling was not enough, Mrs. Brown even bowed earnestly at Liberty.

Carrying her son, Liberty turned away to refuse the gesture.

“I was wrong, Liberty. I was wrong. I deserve to die.”

Mrs. Brown raised her arm and slapped herself.

“Mom.”

Hank immediately stopped his mother.

Snapping out of her shock, Chelsea got on her knees together with her mom and pleaded, “It was my fault, Liberty. I shouldn’t have twisted the facts and hit you. Please forgive me.

“We’ve known each other for more than a decade, and I’m Sonny’s aunt. Please forgive us. It’s not good for Sonny if we were locked behind bars. Sonny would have a grandmother and aunt with a criminal record.”

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Hank had only pulled his mother up when his sister went weak at the knees once more. Hank was in a dilemma as he had to hold his sister up too.

He told them not to mess with Liberty, but his family refused to listen and went against his wishes anyway. Hank simply could not get a moment of peace.

Hank had been taking a lot of heat at the office, and work had been hanging over his head. His boss did not look too pleased when Hank ditched work to come here.

He believed that at this rate, his family would cost him the over one million bucks he gave to Liberty to keep his job.

Likely spooked by the drama, Sonny clung to his mother’s neck without staring at his grandmother and aunt.

Duncan happened to stand in his line of vision.

As Duncan stood behind Liberty, Sonny’s eyes met Duncan with his head resting over his mother’s shoulder.

Sonny left quite an impression on Duncan. Although Duncan was a crude burly man, he loved children. The boy was as cute as a button.

Duncan reached out to stroke Sonny's head, but the latter cried in fear, "Mommy! Mommy!"

While settling her son down, Liberty noticed Duncan's outreached arm awkwardly frozen midair.

"I—I thought your son was adorable, so I wanted to stroke him. He seems scared of me," Duncan explained while awkwardly withdrawing his arm.

Liberty soothed her son. "This is Mr. Lewis, Sonny. He's not a bad man. Don't be scared."

Sonny could not shake the fear. To shy away from Duncan, Sonny put his hands out and asked anxiously for Serenity, "Ant Swer, huggies! Ant Swer, huggies!"

Serenity took him over.

Feeling sorry, Liberty said to Duncan, "Sonny had gotten a nasty shock before, Mr. Lewis. He's scared of strangers now."

Duncan was not going to be hung up about it with a child. "It's okay. I did scare your son after all."

The little guy was afraid of him the last few times they met too.

Mr. Brown and George made it to the station.

The Browns dished out all kinds of apologies and promises.

They were willing to pay for the damages in hopes Liberty would let go of the matter.

With the police mediating and helping to reach a reconciliation, Liberty agreed to let the matter slide in the end.

Nevertheless, she requested Mrs. Brown and her daughter to put their promise in writing, apologize, and pay for Liberty's medical bills and emotional distress. Liberty added that the compensation had to come out of the mother and daughter's pockets. Hank was not allowed to pay on behalf of his mother.

The mother and daughter would only feel the pain if it was their money.

Since Liberty made the call, and the Browns were family to Sonny, the Stones and Serenity did not give their two cents.

After leaving the station, Liberty apologetically said to Mrs. Stone, "I can't go to your place looking like this, Aunt Audrey. I'm going to take Sonny home."

"Aunt Audrey, I'll drive my sister home."

With all that had happened, Serenity was not in the mood to have dinner at the Stones' place.

Mrs. Stone was understanding. "Okay. You should head back. It's Friday tomorrow. I'll pick you up on the weekend. You can stay over at my place."

The sisters did not decline Mrs. Stone's invitation.

Once the Stones and the Hunt sisters were gone, Mrs. Brown emerged from the police with her son's assistance.

"Mom, Chelsea, stop giving Liberty a hard time. We're divorced. She and I have nothing to do with each other anymore. Although we're not happy with what she did, we were in the wrong, to begin with.

"Can't you leave me in peace? I've been up to my neck in work, but you won't let me catch a breath."

Holding her son's hands tightly, Mrs. Brown uttered hastily, "Hank, you shouldn't have divorced! You shouldn't have! Liberty has an aunt whose family business is the Stone Group. Win her heart back and remarry her!"

Hank and Jessica were at a loss for words.

### **Chapter 603 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

Serenity left her sister's rented place and arrived home at half-past ten at night.

She opened the door to the pitch-dark house.

Was Nana not at home?

Was she asleep?

Serenity stepped into the house and turned on the light. She then closed and locked the door behind her. After much thought, she opened the door and grabbed a pair of Zachary's loafers to put at the front door.

It was to show others that there was a man in the house.

It was a safety measure.

"You're back, Ms. Hunt."

Hearing the noise, Mrs. Lane came out of her bedroom.

"Yeah." Serenity asked, "Is Nana asleep?"

"Old Mrs. York went back. Your brother-in-law picked her up. She thought you wouldn't be home tonight, so she told me to inform you when you return tomorrow."

Serenity was surprised. "Nana went home?"

Mrs. Lane replied, "Old Mrs. York said she moved in with you because she got into a fight with your husband. Now that they made up, she moved back to her house."

She believed Old Mrs. York was afraid to be seen by the Stones, so the old lady brought forward the plan to move back to her place.

The missus would be hanging around the Stones a lot since it was confirmed that she was the niece of Mrs. Stone. Old Mrs. York would be staying away from the Stones until Mr. Zachary confessed the truth to the missus.

That was why Old Mrs. York had to flee.

“Oh,” Serenity answered.

She was under the impression that Nana had great fun living with her. It never occurred to Serenity that Nana would move back to her house so soon.

“Ms. Hunt, why didn’t you spend the night at your aunt’s place?”

Serenity drew close and took a seat on the sofa before replying, “We didn’t go through with dinner. My sister’s former mother-in-law and sister-in-law were at it again. We all ended up at the police station, so we canceled dinner. We’ll go to my aunt’s over the weekend.”

Mrs. Lane asked with concern, “Is your sister okay? Why wouldn’t the Browns just let your sister be? She has separated from them.”

“They couldn’t stand getting nothing after my sister trashed the house. They thought they could bully my sister just because they were mean.”

Serenity sighed. “That family is the most pretentious family I’ve ever seen. Women need to know their partner’s family before walking down the aisle.”

Women needed to know what they were getting into, especially when it came to families like the Browns. The Browns hid their ugly nature for years before showing their true colors.

Mrs. Lane poured Serenity a glass of water before sitting opposite Serenity. She said, Human emotions are fleeting. They can fall in and out of love easily. Your sister doesn’t have her head in the clouds and is a decisive woman. She didn’t cling onto the guy and chose to divorce.

“Even so, it was a messy divorce.”

Leaning back against the sofa, Serenity asked, “Mrs. Lane, you have years under your belt. You must have seen it all. What do you think about my husband? Will he end up like Hank? He’s good to me now, but Hank was good to my sister back then too.

“And I’m talking real good. Hank would give his heart to my sister, but now... You’re right. Human emotions are fleeting. I wonder if my husband’s feelings for me will ever change. I won’t bother to argue and will go straight to divorce if he cheats on me like Hank did. I’d rather give him to the other woman.”

She believed her man would be tainted if he was touched by another person.

She believed her man would be tainted too if he touched another person.

Serenity would not fight and would readily escape the marriage the moment Zachary had an affair.

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Mrs. Lane stood up for her boss. “Ms. Hunt, I haven’t been working with you for long, but I’m a good judge of character. Mr. York and your former brother-in-law are not the same. from type of people. Mr. York has a strong sense of responsibility. He won’t shrink away his duty to care for you, his wife.

“The way I see it, Mr. York doesn’t know how to talk to women and doesn’t like it when young women get close to him. He rarely talks to Ms. Sox. He keeps his distance but acknowledges her presence. He’s a

brilliant man, but he's also the kind that won't look at another woman. Ms. Hunt, don't be scared because of your sister's failed marriage.

"Love is beautiful, and there are happy endings to marriages. Not everyone's marriage is like your sister's. I was a nanny to Mr. York's youngest cousin for many years. They are a good family.

"Mr. York's parents, uncles, and aunts are committed to their relationship and marriage. The men in the house are responsible and loyal to their wives.

"Mr. York is exposed to this sort of environment. Despite the many broken marriages happening around, he would still be committed to his. You need to communicate with him if you ever have a disagreement with him or if you find something he's hiding from you. Put yourself in his shoes. There's always a reason for people's actions."

With her mind harking back to Zachary's prideful personality, Serenity realized Zachary was a lot more reliable than Hank.

Besides, Zachary was by her side through thick and thin before they even had feelings for each other.

It showed Zachary's sense of responsibility more than Hank's.

She said, "Our marriage will last so long as Zachary doesn't do anything to betray me. It can only mean he doesn't trust me enough if he keeps things from me. I will be angry, but I'll try to understand and become better so he has full confidence in me. That way, he would communicate with me about anything at all."

Mrs. Lane incessantly nodded her head. "That's the way to do it. It's all about understanding and trust between couples. Communication and understanding are the keys to a long-lasting marriage."

Once Mr. Zachary was back from his business trip, Mrs. Lane intended to persuade him to come clean.

The missus would only be angrier the longer he kept the truth from her.

Serenity drank half the glass of water and looked at the time. It was eleven o'clock at night. She told Mrs. Lane, "It's late, Mrs. Lane. You should get some sleep. I'm going to my room for a wash."

She also sent Zachary a text message.

He reminded her repeatedly before going away that she must send him messages.

"Goodnight, Ms. Hunt."

Mrs. Lane retreated to her room after saying goodnight.

Although Grandma May was gone, Serenity continued to occupy Zachary's room instead of returning to her room.

Half an hour later, she lay in bed with the covers over her. Still feeling cold, she got up and turned on the heater to warm the place up.

She then sent a text message to Zachary.

[Hot water bottle, are you done for the day yet?]

Zachary was swamped with work, but he had been keeping an eye on his phone. He was upset that he had not received a single message from Serenity. Sure, he told her to drop in a message at night, but she did not have to wait until midnight to do so.

Did she really not miss him?

It sounded about right. She was humming to a tune, wishing he would leave right away when she packed his luggage.

As if she would miss him.

Now that she finally sent him a message, Serenity called him a hot water bottle.

It took a lot in Zachary not to blow up.

Could not be bothered to type, Zachary gave Serenity a call.

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Serenity took Zachary's call.

"I'm not a hot water bottle!"

The first thing that came out of Zachary's mouth was to correct what Serenity called him.

Serenity chuckled. "I'm feeling cold now, so I thought about you. You're warmer than a hot water bottle."

Zachary's voice was gruff. "So, you wouldn't think of me if you weren't feeling cold?"

Serenity gladly admitted to that fact. "I probably would've gone right to bed if I weren't cold. Oh, I'll send you a goodnight gif."

Zachary was speechless.

"Are

you done with your work? You should carry on if you aren't. I'm going to bed."

Serenity was about to hang up the call.

"Serenity."

Zachary huskily asked, "Are your DNA test results with Mrs. Stone out yet?"

"The results are out. Mrs. Stone is my aunt. We're related by blood."

Although his heart sank, Zachary did not show it in his face or tone. "Congratulations on finding your family."

"Thank you."

She only had her sister for fifteen years. Now that an aunt suddenly came into the picture, Serenity wondered if she was in a dream as it felt surreal.

“That reminds me, Zachary. Your nana moved back to the family home. Callum came tonight to pick her up.

“I wasn’t home. Ms. Lane told me about it.”

Zachary could not believe how quickly Nana slipped away.

“She goes wherever her heart takes her. I’m used to her coming and going.”

Grandma May owned many properties, and she would often stay a couple of nights here and there. It was hard to locate the old lady unless she came looking for them.

“Did anything happen today? Did Shawn go to your shop?”

“Jesus. I can feel your jealousy all the way here. Shawn’s a busy man too. He probably won’t meet with me after I turned him down. You can relax and focus on your work. I promise I won’t cheat on you.”

After a pause, she bantered, “I’ll be waiting for you to come home and eat you up.”

Zachary laughed. “I better fatten myself up, so you can have a delicious meal.”

Serenity remarked after a brief pause, “Zachary, you’ve changed.”

“I changed because you changed me. I changed because of you.”

He did not have a way with words albeit would come through sometimes. Serenity thought it was cheesy at first, but she would feel all sweet and warm inside when thinking back.

“Serenity.”

“Yeah?”

“Anything else you want to talk about?”

Serenity yawned. “No. I’ll talk to you in my dreams.”

Zachary was lost for words.

“You must be busy. I’ll leave you to it and get some sleep. Tomorrow will be a busy one for me. The term break starts after tomorrow.”

“Don’t strain yourself.”

“Everything’s worth it when the money comes in. That’s it now. I’m heading to bed, Zachary. Goodnight.”

Serenity ended the call after saying goodnight.

She had hung up before Zachary could say more. Staring at his phone, Zachary mumbled, “Serenity, your attitude makes me feel insecure.”

He got the feeling that she was not in love with him.

Although Serenity often talked about jumping him, the truth of the matter was, she had not given her heart fully to him.

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Zachary, on the other hand, became more addicted and fell deeper in love with Serenity.

Ring ring ring...

Zachary's phone rang again.

He thought it was Serenity, but then he saw the caller ID and it was Duncan.

"Duncan."

Zachary leaned back on the black swivel chair and asked indifferently, "Why are you calling me so late at night?"

"There's something important I need to tell you. Do you know that your wife has an aunt? It's Mrs. Stone. It turns out that the sister Mrs. Stone has been looking for is your mother-in-law."

Duncan was not as gossipy as Josh, but he loved to watch drama and gloat on the sidelines.

He just felt that he should relay this news to his best friend.

"Stone Group and York Corporation have always been at odds.

Clive and you will never appear at the same place together. The relationship between the two of you is completely frozen... I just thought of something."

Duncan muttered in hindsight, "When you treated Clive to that meal back then, did you already know that your wife was Mrs.

Stone's niece? Is that why you tried patching up your relationship with Clive in advance?"

Zachary was a little embarrassed and angry that his thoughts were read by his best friend. Fortunately, Duncan was thousands of miles away and did not know how he was feeling right now.

"I was in a good mood that day, and Clive rarely takes his clients to Wiltspoon Hotel for a meal, so I bought them lunch. I just wanted them to know that our

Wiltspoon Hotel is worthy of its name.

That's all.

"I'm not a god. How could I know in advance that my mother-in-law is the sister who Mrs. Stone has been looking for? I only found out just now when I asked Serenity."

That was also true.

However, he had a hunch that Mrs. Stone's sister was his mother-in-law who died long ago.

That was why he generously invited Clive and his party to a meal when he met Clive that day.

"What are you going to do now that you know?"

Duncan asked with concern, "Are you going to reconcile with the Stones?"

"Serenity and Mrs. Stone are aunt and niece. They have no influence on the decision-making of York Corporation. A great man cannot brook a rival. Between York Corporation and Stone Group, only one of us will remain standing."

Duncan paused before adding. "You're a businessman through and through. You only talk about profit and never about feelings."

Zachary said faintly, "In the business world of deceit, feelings will only be used by the opponent. You'll be swallowed and everything will go up in smoke."

That was unless the Stone Group intended to make peace with him.

Only when both sides took a step back would it be possible to ease relations.

"Elisa has been infatuated with you for years. If she finds out about your relationship with Serenity and with her explosive personality, will your wife be in trouble?"

Duncan felt that this matter was a concern.

"They've become cousins, so maybe she won't do anything to your wife, but your wife will definitely feel as if she robbed her cousin's beloved man. She'll kick you away."

Zachary paused before saying, "Duncan Lewis, can you speak a little more tactfully?"

He was overly straightforward.

Duncan laughed. "You know I've always been like this. I don't like to beat around the bush. Do you think I can talk in circles like Josh?"

"Serenity and her sister are strong-natured. If she finds out the truth... I'm having a headache on your behalf just thinking about it."

Zachary's expression darkened as he said, "There's no need for that. I can handle it myself."

"That's good. I won't be able to help you even if you ask for my help. You can call me if it's a fight, but I'm not good at dealing with matters involving emotions.

"Zachary, you can't deal with emotional problems either, right?"

You're no better than I am in that regard."

Zachary was speechless.

Duncan had zero tact. His words were stabbing Zachary like a knife.

"By the way, your sister-in-law was in trouble again. Her former mother-in-law and sister-in-law came to the office to find her, and they had a fight. I guess it won't be easy for your sister-in-law to live the quiet life she wants. Now that the Brown family knows that Mrs. Stone is your sister-in-law's aunt, I don't know what kind of mishap they'll be up to in the future."

Zachary's voice instantly turned cold. "Serenity didn't tell me a word about that!"

She did not treat him as her family!

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"Zachary, maybe Serenity didn't tell you because she didn't want you to worry?"

Duncan felt that he made a mistake and quickly offered an explanation.

However, Zachary hung up the phone.

Duncan said to himself, "Damn it. What am I supposed to do if the couple gets into a quarrel because of this?"

Once Zachary cared about a person, he would want the other party to put him

first. In simpler terms, he was overbearing.

His domineering nature would sometimes let people feel like he cared about them, but other times, it made people feel suffocated as if they could not breathe.

What was worse was that Zachary would feel like he was in the wrong. For example, he felt like he fell in love with Serenity, so he was willing to do everything for her. However, Serenity was independent and would not tell him everything for him to help her with. Thus, Zachary would feel that Serenity did not trust him and did not treat him as family.

Duncan called Zachary again, but it went to the mailbox because the number he dialed was on hold.

“Did he call Serenity in the middle of the night to question her?”

Duncan felt at a loss.

He merely said a few words. How did it cause so much trouble?

Josh was usually the one having such a loose mouth, but he never saw Josh get into trouble.

Zachary actually called Serenity.

The couple had just ended the call not long ago, so he dared to bet that Serenity was not yet asleep. Thus, he could not resist calling her.

Serenity was still awake. When she heard the phone ring, she reached out of the covers for the phone and quickly retrieved her hand back in.

It was cold.

After turning on the heating for a while, she did not like how dry it was, so she turned it off again. There was no hot water bottle in Zachary’s room, and the natural hot water bottle that was Zachary himself was on a business trip, so she had to bundle herself up to stay warm.

She saw that it was Zachary calling again.

She answered the call. “What’s up? I’m going to sleep.”

“What happened today?”

Zachary's voice was low. Serenity had been getting along with him for some time and knew that his mood was different when his tone changed.

She instinctively said, "Nothing happened. I told you, I found out that Mrs. Stone is my aunt. What's with that tone, Zachary? You sound as if you're interrogating me. I didn't take advantage of your business trip to eat and go shopping with other men."

What tone?

"Aren't you going to tell me about your sister? Even Duncan knows about it, and you're not telling me even though I'm asking you about it. Serenity, do you not regard me as your family? You didn't even tell me about something this big."

Serenity was speechless. "My sister and her former mother-in-law have a fight every once in a while. Is that something big to you? We can handle it ourselves, so there's no need to bother you. Besides, you're away from home on a business trip. Are you going to fly home and help us fight them even if I were to tell you?"

"Mr. Lewis knows about it because he's the boss of my sister's company. Those two women went for my sister outside her office building, and Mr. Lewis saw it as he was getting off work. I didn't tell him deliberately. When I arrived, my sister and them had finished fighting, and police officers had already arrived. I didn't even have the chance to do anything."

"I told you to tell me when you encounter difficulties!"

Serenity sat up. 'Did this man not listen to a single word I said? He's just laser pointing at the fact that I didn't tell him about this matter.'

She said patiently, "Zachary, I also told you that I will handle stuff that I can handle myself. There's no need to bother you, and I won't completely depend on you. Like I said, even if I've told you, you can't come back to help me anyway.

Why should I tell you just to worry you?

"If you want to escalate the matter to the point of saying that I don't regard you as family, then I can't help it. Either way, can you guarantee that you've told me

everything? I don't even know where your hometown is. Doesn't that mean you don't regard me as your family either?"

Zachary choked.

"Zachary York, you're a six-foot-tall grown-up man. Can you be a little less petty? Don't get angry because of something trivial and bicker over every single thing with me. I know you're worried about me, but I'm not the kind of weak person who needs your help .

"If that is what you want from your wife, then I'm sorry. I can't do it."

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After witnessing her sister and Hank getting to know each other, falling in love, and then ending up in such an ugly divorce, Serenity felt that it was better to rely on herself than on others.

Even if he was someone she shared a bed with, she could not be completely dependent on him.

That was because the person who shared her bed might become a person who shared someone else's bed at any time.

"Are you calling me narrow-minded?"

Zachary's voice was low and chilly, like the weather in this cold winter month.

He wanted to know everything about her because he cared about her.

However, she did not take the initiative to tell him, saying that he was narrowminded and that he got angry over trivial matters.

Was this trivial? Even someone like Duncan knew about it, but Zachary only found out because Duncan told him.

If Duncan did not tell him and he did not ask, she might have never told him.

He cared about her, but she was not touched. Instead, she felt that it was useless to tell him because he was not home.

"I do think that you're short-tempered. You're always so selfcentered. You get angry as soon as people don't do as you want."

He had a lot of good points, but he also had flaws.

No one was perfect, and Serenity did not ask him to be perfect either. She had a lot of flaws herself too since they were both normal human beings.

She told him about his shortcomings so he could change. If he did not change, then they could only go through rounds of friction. In the end, she either had to learn how to tolerate them or ignore them.

Zachary hung up the phone.

Serenity was stunned. "He hung up on me. Can he get even angrier?"

She threw the phone on the table, feeling a little mad herself, and muttered, "I've made it clear to him. Why is he still angry? Fine, he can be angry if he wants to. I don't care."

Did he want her to tell him about every single thing?

Serenity grumbled, "I told him at the beginning that I'll handle the stuff that I can handle by myself instead of bothering him. What about him? Does he tell me everything as well? Can he guarantee that there's nothing that he's hiding from me?"

"His double standards are ridiculous!"

He was so domineering.

His overbearing trait sometimes made her feel as sweet as honey, but other times, it gave her a feeling of being so tightly restrained by him that it was difficult for her to even catch her breath.

There was just a sense of suffocation.

Her sleepiness completely vanished because of the call from Zachary.

She picked up the phone again and sent a message to him.

However, he did not reply to her.

"Again! There he goes again!"

Serenity threw the phone back to the foot of the bed.

What a petty man.

Every time their communication fell through, he would act like this. He stopped replying to messages she sent.

'If he doesn't want to reply, then fine!

'I don't care!'

Serenity picked up the phone and placed it on the nightstand. She lay down and got ready to be taken away by the sandman.

However, she was still vexed. She tossed and turned with slumberland far from reach.

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A few minutes later, Serenity sat up from the bed and pondered. She then slid out of bed, began to pack her household goods, and took them back to her room.

She would not sleep in his bed anymore.

She angrily moved back to her room to sleep.

Zachary was likewise still sulking.

He received the message from Serenity and read it, but he did not reply. Instead, he deleted it instantly.

He only had one thought in his mind, and that was how Serenity accused him of being narrow-minded and did not treat him as a family.

Putting the phone on the desk, Zachary got up and paced back and forth in the office, incredibly annoyed.

In the end, he went and made himself a cup of coffee.

After drinking the coffee, he forced himself to calm down and got back to work.

He intended to work through the night.

Serenity was so angry that she tossed and turned, failing to fall asleep, but after an hour or 'so, she stopped being angry. It was not the first time he acted like this. If she got mad at him every time, her life span would probably shorten. It was not worth it.

Thus, she stopped being angry and went away with the sandman.

'He can be mad if he wants to!

'That petty man is so self-centered. He doesn't tell me everything about himself, but he wants me to tell him everything that happens in my life.

'He's not even at home. What, is he going to fly back if I tell him?'

In fact, Serenity did not do anything regarding that matter either. Her aunt's introduction already scared away the Brown family's mother and daughter. The person who made the decision was Liberty.

Liberty chose to reconcile because of Sonny.

It was her sister's decision, so Serenity respected it.

That man even laser-pointed on how Duncan knew about it but he was kept in the dark instead.

Duncan was Liberty's boss. Was it not normal for him to know about something that happened in front of his company?

It was not like she deliberately told Duncan about it.

Serenity felt that Zachary was being ridiculous in his jealousy.

It was rather late into the night when she fell asleep. Zachary, who was away on a business trip, drank a total of two cups of coffee which lasted him until dawn.

The next day, he continued to work.

In Josh's words, every time Zachary got angry, he threw himself into his work. His work efficiency was particularly high, so the people following him could not keep up and had to work overtime. It was fine if it was one or two days but when they worked overtime till late every day, everyone in the company started to complain.

Serenity got up late because she slept late.

Mrs. Lane had done most of the morning routine from making breakfast and feeding the pets to watering the plants and hanging out on the swing chair before Serenity got up.

"Good morning, Ms. Hunt."

Serenity yawned. Maybe due to the poor sleep quality, she was having a headache and sore eyes. She was still having these ailments despite having slept enough hours, so she guessed it must have been because she was furious when she fell asleep.

"Good morning, Mrs. Lane."

Serenity did not tell Mrs. Lane about herself not feeling well.

Looking at the time, she cried in a low voice, "It's eight o'clock!"

She did not know if her sister was going to work. She had to go over to pick Sonny up.

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"Don't worry, Ms. Hunt. Take your time with breakfast. Your sister just called me and said. that she sent Sonny to the store. Ms. Sox is already there. She told us to head directly to the store later. There's no need to drop by her new place."

Serenity sighed in relief and sat down at the dining table.

Mrs. Lane prepared sandwiches for her today with all kinds of fillings, as well as a pot of black coffee.

Black coffee...

Serenity took out her phone and photographed the pot of coffee, then sent it to the petty man.

Unsurprisingly, Zachary did not reply to her.

Serenity grumbled.

“Are the sandwiches not good, Ms. Hunt?”

Mrs. Lane heard Serenity grumble and thought the sandwiches she made were lousy. She asked, “What kind of sandwiches do you fancy? Tell me and I’ll make them for you tomorrow.”

“I’m not a picky eater, Mrs. Lane. I like all kinds of sandwiches.

“You sit down too. Let’s talk while we eat.”

With Zachary not at home, Mrs. Lane was a lot more comfortable.

Although Zachary acted gentle in front of Serenity, he was a prestigious person. Mrs. Lane did not feel at ease dining at the same table as him.

“Mrs. Lane, you’ve been a nanny for Zachary’s ninth cousin for a few years and have known Zachary for several years, right? Do you think he’s overbearing and self-centered? He demands that other people don’t hide anything from him.”

Mrs. Lane was taking a sip of oatmeal. After listening to Serenity, she looked up and asked with concern, “Ms. Hunt, why are you asking that?”

Serenity sipped the coffee and said, “I think I quarreled with Zachary last night. It seems we’re in a cold war again.”

Mrs. Lane was speechless.

It had just been one night, but here they were having another squabble, and a cold war at that.

“Why did you quarrel with Mr. York?”

Recently, Zachary and Serenity were obviously getting along very well. The couple slept in the same room, and Grandma May saw the couple’s feelings heating up and seemed to have stabilized, so she packed up her luggage and moved back to the old residence.

It was also to avoid the Stone family.

“It was just before going to bed. I sent him a message, he called, and we chatted for a while. I was sleepy and he was still busy, so I quickly ended the call because I didn’t want to disturb him. I didn’t tell him about my sister’s fight with her ex-in-laws.

“Maybe Mr. Lewis called him and mentioned that incident, so he quickly called me to question me, asking why I didn’t tell him about that incident. He even said that I don’t treat him like family.”

Serenity took another sip of coffee

“Where did you buy this coffee, Mrs. Lane? It’s so bitter.”

This would suit that petty man’s taste.

“Say, he’s on a business trip and not at home. I didn’t tell him because I didn’t want him to worry for no reason. He couldn’t come back to help us anyway. Besides, we can solve things on our own. We can’t always wait for him to return to handle everything, right?”

“Just because I didn’t mention my sister’s incident, he said that I don’t treat him as family. In that case, he doesn’t treat me as his family either. Since the beginning of our marriage, he held his guard up against me, questioning me and thinking that I had married him because I wanted his money. He thought I wanted his house so I didn’t have to rent a place after marrying him.”

Mrs. Lane was speechless.

“He even made me sign an agreement where nine out of the ten conditions were restrictions on me, but I endured it. We got married out of convenience, so he was cautious about me and suspected me. He made me sign a contract saying that we would divorce peacefully within six months if we don’t develop feelings for each other.

“I agreed to every single one of his terms, but then he accidentally destroyed my agreement and played dumb, saying that I remembered wrongly and he never asked me to sign any agreement. Fine, I played along since he wanted to go back on his words, but has he been completely honest with me as well?”

“Mrs. Lane, even you know where his home is, right? But I don’t. I’ve been married to him for so long, but although I’ve met his family, I don’t even know where my in-laws live.”