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Chapter 651 | [Serenity & Zachary]

Serenity said with a smile, “My husband would text me when he has the time. Well, we’re in touch every time. Our marriage is at a much better place now.”

She even kept her argument with Zachary from her sister, much less her aunt’s family. Serenity did not want to worry her aunt.

“Relationships take time to build. You’ve been married for three months now. It’s only normal for your marriage to get better.”

Elisa leaned in and whispered nosily, “How are things going on with Josh and Jasmine? I’m dying to find out.”

Josh was Zachary’s right-hand man.

He also came from a family that specialized in intelligence.

Elisa could not believe Jasmine had gone on a blind date with Josh.

She believed she could earn a lump sum for selling this information to the press but of course, Elisa was not short of money. She was friends with Jasmine too and she was not the kind of person who would do anything to betray her friends.

Elisa would keep the secret about them until Josh was ready for the world to know. The last thing Elisa would want was for the media to be all over Jasmine and disrupt her peace.

After Serenity replied to Zachary through text message, she chuckled and said, “Didn’t my aunt say she wanted to have a party tomorrow night? Get Alice to send Jasmine an invitation and get your brother to send Mr. Bucham an invitation, so they both could attend the party. You can see how things are going between them then.”

With her eyes lighting up, Elisa giggled. “You got it all thought out for sure. I wanted to invite Jasmine anyway since she’s your best friend and my new friend. I don’t feel right leaving her out of the party.

“But Josh might not come.”

He was the executive assistant of York Corporation after all.

Serenity smiled. “Tell your brother to let Mr. Bucham know that Ms. Sox will be attending. I think that should be enough reason for him to attend the party. My aunt organized the family event to introduce me and my sister to everyone. It’s not business related. Mr. Bucham can attend as a member of the Bucham family.”

Elisa believed Serenity made a great suggestion.

She said to her brother and sister-in-law, “Clive, send the Buchams a few invitations and make sure Josh gets one. Alice, please help me deliver an invitation to Jasmine. Jasmine is a good friend of mine and Serenity’s.”

Elisa was going to take her mom along with Serenity and her sister shopping this afternoon.

As Alice and Clive were the heads of the household, Elisa needed to let them in on it.

Clive and his wife agreed to Elisa's request.

Meanwhile, Zachary found out through the text message that Serenity was at the Stones' residence for a meal.

Zachary: [Enjoy your meal. It's a shame I'm not there to help you peel the shrimps.]

Serenity: [I usually eat the shrimp together with the shell.]

Zachary: [... Tiny lazy bug.]

Serenity: [How am I tiny?]

Zachary grinned without a word.

Serenity peevishly retorted and added: [You're tiny! You have a tiny mind and heart. You're such a petty guy]

The couple exchanged messages for a while before Serenity ended the conversation.

[I got to eat now. We'll chat when we have time. Don't forget to have your meals on time. Don't ruin your health. I'm not going to nurse you back to health.]

Zachary replied with an emoji to acknowledge the message.

After the meal, Mrs. Stone and her daughter went upstairs to get dolled up.

Alice said to the Hunt sisters, "I'll take you out for a walk, Serenity, Liberty. You can get familiar with the place."

"Sonny wants to take his nap, so I'll have to pass on that. Go on with Seren."

Liberty was carrying her son for an afternoon, not feeling in the mood for a stroll.

It suited Alice fine that Liberty was not coming along.

Several minutes later, Alice affectionately held Serenity's arm as they strolled and chatted.

Since Alice and Serenity were great talkers, the conversation kept going.

"Seren, I heard *from* Elisa that you got married to your husband at first sight. Why the rush to get married?"

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Looking rather curious, Alice asked Serenity.

Serenity turned around before replying, "It's a good thing my sister didn't tag *along*, but all's good now since my sister divorced Hank. I knew I was the reason for the fights between Hank and my sister. That was why I married in such a hurry."

She explained to Alice the hasty marriage.

Alice nodded her head. "I see. You saved your husband's nana, and his nana really likes you. She paired you two together probably to repay your kindness too."

She had rarely seen the Old Mrs. York, but her man had mentioned that the old lady was friendly and did not put on airs.

Old Mrs. York had a thing for going around keeping her identity hidden like a woman-child.

There was one thing Alice could not wrap her head around.

It was questionable for a bad*ss person like Old Mrs. York needed rescuing.

Was Serenity sure that the old lady did not have her eye on Serenity from the very beginning and tried to scam her to be Zachary's wife?

"Is your husband working at York Corporation?"

"Yeah."

"Is your husband's last name also York?"

Tilting her head, Serenity glanced at Alice and answered with a smile, "Alice, do you think my husband is the wealthy heir of the York family?"

"My husband is only an ordinary salaryman, but he's a brilliant man to hold a managerial position in the company. Honestly, there are too many managerial positions at York Corporation. My husband said that he rarely got to see the great Mr. York in person.

"Work has been good mainly because... Well, he sort of got a free pass at work."

It was all thanks to his connections to Josh.

Zachary and Josh would be speechless to find out about this.

The actual person with the free pass was in question.

"York is not a common surname, and your husband happens to work at York Corporation too. It really gets people thinking."

Alice followed with another question, "What's your husband's name?"

"Zachary."

"Zachary York?"

"Yeah. Does the heir share the same name too?"

Serenity added with a smile. "My husband's last name is York, but I doubt he has the same name as 'the' Mr. York."

Alice replied with a grin, "That's true. I was just checking."

However, a storm was brewing inside her.

Jesus Christ.

Serenity's husband was indeed "the" Zachary York!

There were many people with the same surname under the sun.

Of course, the same went with people of the same name and surname.

Nevertheless, there was only one person named Zachary York in the whole of York Corporation, and that was the heir of the York family.

Alice could not believe that her man's suspicion was true.

If they were the same person, it would explain Zachary's abrupt invitation to Clive for a meal the other day

Zachary must have known early on that Serenity was Mrs. Stone's niece and Clive's cousin. He was trying to get on Clive's good side.

"Truth be told, you're not the only one to suspect my husband's link to the wealthiest York. It can't be a coincidence. A man of status and power like Mr. York wouldn't need to marry in such a rush. Would he need to marry someone like me?"

"Jasmine always talks about the female lead having a blind marriage to a rich heir and that I must have married a rich husband too. How can fiction be taken seriously? How many rich heirs are there anyway to be married randomly to one?"

Alice replied with a smile, "That's right. Fiction can't be taken seriously, but stories come from life itself. Sometimes, life can be more cliché than stories."

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Alice took Serenity around the residence before excusing herself to take a nap.

"Go and have your break, Alice. I'll sit here and enjoy the view."

Serenity did not want to go back into the house. Compared to the lavishly furnished home, she preferred the natural scenery in the yard.

She saw a few garden patches along the fence and guessed that her aunt must have *done* the gardening herself.

Mrs. Stone was the lady of a wealthy and powerful family, but it did not change the fact that she grew up in an orphanage. It made sense that she would be hands-on with gardening after going through poverty and retiring from a desk job.

"Are you cold? I'll send someone to fetch you a jacket if you are."

Serenity and Liberty did not bring extra clothes as they were here for a meal. They thought they would go home after a meal and a good chat.

It turned out Mrs. Stone wanted them to stay for a few days. Serenity had to return later in the evening to bring a change of clothes.

“Thank you, Alice, but I don’t feel chilly.”

Alice smiled. “Well, have fun. I’m heading back for a nap. I’ll feel tired if I don’t stick to the routine.”

Serenity expressed understanding.

Such was the case with her daily routine as well.

Once Alice was back inside the house, Serenity whipped out her phone and clicked on her Whatsapp. Staring at Zachary’s profile picture, she realized he had switched his profile picture for a photograph of their wedding rings.

Serenity chuckled as the frustration she had toward him gradually diminished.

She tapped on the button for a video chat.

Zachary quickly picked up.

“Seren.”

His deep but hoarse voice was heard. It somehow pained Serenity to hear him like this.

It must have taken a toll on Zachary after the couple had another fight, and she went drinking at a bar while he was away on business. He rushed back on the same day to check on her and hurried back to work soon after.

“Didn’t you sleep well?”

“It’s not that. I might have caught a cold.”

His health took a hit as he often bathed in cold water during winter.

Serenity told him off, “You better layer up and have your meals on time. I was fine. I only went for a few drinks to let some steam off.” Zachary stared at her for a moment before uttering, “I’m sorry, Seren. It was all my fault.

“I was overly sensitive and self-centered without any regard for your feelings. You’re an independent woman. I’ve known that from the start. Yet, I kept trying to get you to rely on me completely to satisfy my pride as a man. It was my fault.

“I was being petty and narrow-minded. You should yell at me if I make the same mistake again, but *don’t* go drinking at a bar, okay? You can’t hold your liquor well. You threw up and cried after you got drunk. I felt terrible and sorry that felt upset. that you

“I’ve been through the pain of a splitting headache after a night of drinking. It was so bad I don’t ever want you to experience it.”

Serenity looked at him quietly through the video call. His apologies and reflections threw her back to the night of their phone call. Her voice softened. “Zachary, I thought I didn’t have to tell you everything since I could handle it myself, but in a way, your huge reaction is a show of your concern for me.

"We can be a little more patient and understanding toward one another. We got married without knowing or loving each other. I can't promise that we won't have another fight after this, but I can guarantee that we can take a few days to cool our heads and calmly have a talk whenever we face a problem."

The fight had left the couple with mental scars and bruises.

Marriage was forever. The road was long, so the fights, silent treatment, and misunderstanding would often find their way into the journey.

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Communication was key.

"Sure."

Zachary's hanging mind was at ease.

"You're sick. Don't take your drinks cold, and get a doctor's appointment after work. Why don't you go now instead? Don't drag on. Do you have a fever?"

Zachary lifted his arm to feel his head. It was burning. No wonder he felt light-headed.

Nevertheless, he did not tell Serenity the truth. "I don't have a temperature. Don't worry. I'm feeling fine. I'll get some medicine from the pharmacy later. How are you at your aunt's place?"

"Are your uncle and cousins good to you?"

"You look a little red. Are you sure you don't have a temperature, Zachary?"

Serenity had a keen observation.

"My uncle and cousins are nice. I don't need to say much about Elisa. We hit it off fine. Zachary, blood relation is an amazing thing. Elisa and I have never met before. We didn't even know we were cousins, but we got on well from the get-go."

Zachary grinned. "Send my regards to your aunt since I can't visit her yet. I have time during the New Year's holidays. I'll go with you to visit your aunt then."

He intended to come clean to Serenity about his identity before visiting the Stones.

Zachary would accept it wholeheartedly no matter the response Serenity would have.

As his nana put it, he deserved it.

"My aunt understands. She said that the party tomorrow is to introduce me and my sister to everyone. Zachary, it'd be great if you were here too. I don't really like this sort of thing. I feel better when you're with me.

"You give me a lot of assurance. You'll always find a way to help me out of any trouble. You're a superman to me, Zachary."

Zachary chuckled. "I'm just lucky to be able to help you. Let me know if you ever come across a problem you can't solve.

"Don't feel too worried about the party. Your aunt has standing in Wiltspoon. Now that she has finally found you, she wants to take you under her wing and introduce you to everybody at the party.

"Everyone will be nice to you out of respect for your aunt. Don't feel burdened."

"I want you by my side..."

That was why she put it out there.

"I'm sorry, Seren."

Apart from an apology, Zachary had no idea what else he could say.

"But I feel assured with Elisa and Jasmine there. At least there'd be people I know at the party.

"Zachary, you don't look too good. You better go to the hospital. I'll let you off now, I'll video call when I get the time tonight. If you look worse than you already are, you must send me your address so I can drag you to the doctor's!"

Serenity believed Zachary was the kind to hold up even when he was sick.

Many believed taking medication could ward off sickness whereas some would not even take it and would hang on. However, that would only make the illness worse.

Serenity might sound stern, but Zachary took it as her concern and care for him.

Although feeling light-headed, Zachary felt his illness washing away through his beloved Serenity's concern for him.

He replied with a smile, "I don't have time tonight. You're busy tomorrow too. I'll have a video chat with you in two days. If I don't get better in the next two days, then you're welcome to drag me to the hospital."

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"Alright. I'm on a break like the students now. I'm going there to sort you out and whip you into a henpecked husband if you don't be good. You can forget your dignity in front of your colleagues."

The smile across Zachary's face deepened.

"So you're saying that you'll come here and keep tabs on me if I deliberately stay away from the doctor?"

"Don't you dare, Zachary!"

Zachary cowered on purpose. "I'm scared. I wouldn't dare."

"Alright now. I'm going to stop here. Hurry up and get yourself to the hospital. You're an adult, yet you don't take good care of yourself."

Serenity grumbled before hanging up. She left Zachary to his work.

“Seren.”

“Liberty.”

Serenity watched as her sister drew close. “Is Sonny asleep?”

“Yeah. I want to take a walk while he’s sleeping. It’s good exercise. I run three times a day now. I put myself on a diet and cut sugar. I slow down on the protein to keep my weight too.”

Liberty stopped and added, “My takeaway from the three–year marriage is that we women should take care of ourselves and be financially independent. We can’t be overly reliant on men and trust that they’ll take care of us. No one wants to end up like me right now.

“Men turn bad when they have money. Hank changed after he was promoted to manager. See. Money changed him for the worse.”

Supporting her sister’s weight loss program, Serenity said, “Are you running three times every day? I think you can do morning and evening runs.”

During lunch, Serenity noticed her sister keeping off the meat. Her sister skipped dessert while they were chatting.

In the past, her sister usually went for dessert.

“The weight loss will show if I persevere with running three times a day.”

Liberty was cruel to herself to get back into shape. She wanted her numbers to go down to the ideal weight during her single days before the opening of her breakfast place.

She was young and would be thirty–one years old when New Year came around. She could not give up on herself because of one failed marriage. She had to stand up on her two feet again.

It was time to begin her new life.

“Can you walk with me, Seren?” Liberty invited her.

With a smile, Serenity went with her sister to stroll around the yard of the Stones’ residence. They would jog a little in between.

Behind a room window on the second floor of the main building, a couple was staring at the sisters who were running around the yard.

Alice asked the man beside her. “Clive, what do you think Serenity’s response will be when she finds out that she’s somehow the missus of the York family?”

Clive was without a word.

He could not guess Serenity’s reaction, but he knew his sister would go mad and turn against Serenity once the news broke. Turning around, Clive walked away from the window and sat on the bed. After much thought, he gave Zachary a call.

Seeing Clive’s incoming call, Zachary hesitated but picked up the call in the end.

“Mr. Stone.”

“Is it a convenient time now, Zachary? I’ll buy you coffee. We’ll meet at the café on the first floor of your Wiltspoon Hotel.”

Zachary fell silent for a moment before saying, “Well, I should go on the coffee date with you since you’re buying, but it’s a shame I’m not in Wiltspoon right now. I’ll need to take a rain check on that.”

“Where are you?”

“I’m away on business.”

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Clive cursed Zachary in his mind.

He was still second-guessing whether it was Zachary when Serenity mentioned her husband’s name. Now that Zachary said that he was away on business, Clive could confirm that Zachary was Serenity’s husband.

“When are you coming back?”

“Are you that eager to buy me coffee?”

“Quit the act, Zachary. I know it all. The wedding ring on Serenity’s finger belongs to the same pair as yours, right? Your wife whose face is not shown in the picture is Serenity, right?”

Zachary went radio silent.

He neither admitted nor denied it.

Clive took Zachary’s silence as his admission to the fact.

“When did you two get married? Was it before Serenity went viral on Twitter? You’ve been married for a while, yet you kept quiet about it. Elisa went mad for you and even went all the way to your office to profess her love for you in public!

“Elisa became the talk of the town while you went on your aloof and sophisticated self, making a joke out of Elisa. The public made fun of her for not being able to win your heart. They laughed at her because despite knowing you and I are rivals in business, she liked you anyway. They teased her because she asked for it.

“Why did you hide from Serenity that you’re the heir of the wealthy York family?”

Clive grew furious as he spoke. He was reminded that his sister was all over Zachary when the man had already gotten married to Serenity.

His sister unknowingly became the other woman in someone’s marriage.

Elisa would probably go crazy for Zachary to this day if he did not let the word out or wear his wedding ring.

“How long do you plan on keeping it from Serenity? Don’t you know Serenity and Elisa are best friends? They’re also cousins now. What would Elisa think when she finds out that Serenity’s husband is the man she once loved and could not have? What would Serenity think? How would the cousins get along then?”

“Clive.”

With her husband yelling at Zachary on the phone, Alice had to approach her husband and reminded him, “Keep it down. Your mom and Elisa might hear you.”

Taking a few deep breaths, Clive then said to his wife, “Pour me a glass of water, Alice. I got thirsty after running my mouth.”

“Sure.”

Alice turned on her heel and walked away to pour a glass of water for her husband. She also told her husband to pipe down and keep his emotions in check.

On the other end of the line, Zachary waited until Clive blew off some steam before callously retorting, “That’s between me and Serenity. I don’t have to explain to you.”

“Zachary!”

Clive gnashed his teeth in anger. “What’s with the cocky attitude? Don’t make me show Serenity who you really are.”

“Clive, it’s between me and Serenity. I have my reasons and thoughts to keep my identity from her. I get to decide when I’ll come clean to you, but I have no responsibility to tell you that.

“I never had feelings for your sister. I never even spoke to her prior to her confession to me. There’s no such thing as me lying to her. It’s her issue that she has feelings for me. I can’t control *her* nor could I stop her.”

Zachary’s voice was husky. “Even if Serenity finds out who I am, my nana was the one who brought us together. She was single without a boyfriend while I was a bachelor without a girlfriend. We did not commit anything wrong morally or legally to be together.

“She did not do Elisa dirty!”

The things brought up by Clive were Zachary’s concerns before.

He was worried Elisa might do something to Serenity.

“You...”

Clive wanted to give Zachary a bigger piece of his mind but was at a loss for words.

“Mr. Stone, this is a bad time for me to continue this chat. I’ll treat you to dinner after New Year’s. We’ll talk soon.”

“After New Year’s? Oh, that’s right. You can’t show your face now. Are you feeling guilty? Bet you didn’t imagine Serenity would become my cousin.”

At a switch of the topic, Clive added, "Call me your cousin, Zachary."

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Zachary terminated the call right away.

Despite being hung up on, Clive was not angry at all.

He smirked coldly. "You can refuse to acknowledge me as your cousin, Zachary, but I'll get my way one way or another."

Alice was pouring him a glass of water when she heard his comment. She said, "You're now family. What do you mean get your way? Whatever reason he keeps his identity a secret, Zachary is Serenity's husband."

I've been his rival for many years, and none of us ever get the upper hand. Now that I have the chance to climb over his head, I got to make use of the opportunity."

Clive grabbed the glass and took a couple of gulps. "Zachary wound me up badly. I must get my payback when he returns from his business trip. I'll contact Serenity to come along when he buys me dinner. I bet he'll have to call me his cousin then.

"Honey, I'm walking on air just thinking about my nemesis bowing to me because I'm the older cousin."

"I think you've gone mad."

Alice replied amusedly. "He's your peer. Are you going to force him to acknowledge you if he doesn't want. to?"

I'll give him a hard time and call him rude in front of Serenity if he doesn't acknowledge me as the older cousin."

Alice was speechless.

She could imagine her man having a discreet showdown with Zachary

Zachary was a little worried at first now that Clive saw through his cover. After hanging Zachary fell deep into contemplation and soon felt at rest.

Clive was furious because he felt sorry for his sister and not Serenity. on Clive's call,

Before Elisa could let go of her feelings for Zachary, Zachary did not have to worry about Clive telling Serenity the truth about him.

Not only that, but Clive would also figure out ways to keep Zachary's identity under wraps.

Zachary could flaunt his affection for Serenity before Clive too.

Once he was back from the business trip, Zachary would be on his best behavior during the dinner with Clive in case the latter might try to start something and make him look bad in front of Serenity because he was Serenity's cousin.

As for admitting Clive to be the older cousin...

It was not like Clive would bite him if Zachary refused to acknowledge him.

Uff! Zachary felt like he was between a rock and a hard place.

Rubbing his temples, Zachary was at his physical limit and called someone to make a quick trip to the pharmacy for him.

Back at the study on the second floor of the Buchams' residence, the head of the household was busy at work.

Josh's torso was against the desk as he leaned in to read the text messages sent in the group chat. It was an arrangement to protect Zachary's privacy. The head of the family was informing everybody what information about Zachary could and could not be released.

All credit should go to the head of the Bucham household that Zachary's privacy was protected from everybody including the press.

"Julian."

"Speak."

"You're amazing. I think the public must be curious about you."

The head of the household lifted his head and glanced at Josh before uttering, "Didn't Zachary arrange a blind date for you? You could've used your weekend to woo your wifey instead of watching me work here. I asked you to help me, but you said you prefer to slave away at York Corporation."

Josh replied, "I invited my future brother-in-law to dinner tonight."

Julian rolled his eyes. "You should be taking Ms. Sox out to dinner if you want to win her heart, not her brother. Look at you. When are you going to say goodbye to singlehood?"

"I'll win her heart through my brother-in-law."

"That's a silly move. You should start with your mother-in-law, no, future father-in-law. It's easy with your mother-in-law. Mothers-in-law tend to warm up to sons-in-law rather quickly."

Pursing his lips, Josh answered with a smile, "I'll build a relationship with all of them. Jasmine will have no choice but to fall into my arms when the whole family pressures her."

"Knock, knock."

Someone was at the door.

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Josh sat upright immediately.

"Come in."

The door was pushed open, and a bodyguard came in with an invitation.

Josh thought that it was an invitation for Julian to a banquet. Unexpectedly, the bodyguard walked straight to him and handed him the invitation. "Mr. Bucham, this is an invitation sent by Mr. Stone. The Stones will be holding a banquet tomorrow night and have invited you to join"

"Me?"

Josh took the invitation skeptically and questioned, "The Stones are holding a banquet, and Clive had someone specially send it over? Also, the banquet is tomorrow night? Why so sudden?"

Other families might make their banquet known a few days in advance. Some even gave guests ten days of notice so they could get ready.

Was this a last-minute decision by the Stone family?

Josh remembered how Audrey recognized her two nieces and he guessed the real purpose of the banquet.

'She must wish to introduce her two nieces to Wiltspoon's elites.

"Hehe, what does Zachary think about it?"

"Mr. Stone also had a message for you."

"What message?"

"Ms. Sox is among the invitees."

Josh's eyes glimmered.

He grinned and asked the bodyguard, "Has the messenger from the Stone family left?"

"No, he's still outside awaiting your reply."

Josh did not even open the invitation to read it and simply said to the bodyguard, "Tell him I'll be there on time tomorrow night."

"Yes, sir."

The bodyguard respectfully took his leave.

Josh placed the invitation on the desk. "I guess I won't be able to mess with Clive anymore the next time I see him."

"Ms. Sox has no relationship with Clive. Those words should be said by Zachary instead."

Julian set his work in order, put down the phone, leaned back, and said with a vague smile, "Now, do you understand the reason I don't want to get married?"

"That's just because you haven't found the right person. Look, Zachary was so stubborn before too, but he had completely surrendered now. He flips out if Serenity ignores him, and he quarrels with her for days. before she can even explain herself.

“Elisa and Jasmine also have a good relationship, so it’s natural that the Stone family invited Jasmine to the banquet. They extended the invitation to me out of consideration for Jasmine. Since they’ve given me

this opportunity, I can’t just let it go to waste, right?”

The York and Stone families did not see eye to eye. In the past, Josh helped Zachary set many pitfalls for Stone Group and schemed against Clive to steal their business.

In Stone Group, just the mention of Zachary’s and Josh’s names was enough to make the employees gnash their teeth.

If Josh did not have a sturdy backing by the name of **Zachary** York, he would have been stuffed into a burlap sack long ago.

“What goes around, comes around.”

Julian spoke and stood up. “I’m going out.”

“Where are you going this time?”

“You won’t like following me anyway.”

Julian rarely spent time at home.

However, no one knew what he was up to outside.

Not forgetting the invitation, Josh got up and followed Julian.

“I’m going to buy some stuff for Drake to bring back to his sister in the evening.”

Josh felt that he had to start with his future brother-in-law. Not only did he have to build a good relationship with Drake, but he also could not neglect Jasmine. Having Drake bring gifts to his sister frequently was equivalent to Josh improving the Sox family’s opinion of him.

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What would the scene of a woman meeting her ex-husband and his mistress when out shopping be like?

Liberty did not have much of a reaction. As for Jessica, when she walked into the store and saw the Hunt sisters, her instinctive reaction was to cling tightly to Hank’s arm.

It was as if she was afraid others would not know they were a couple.

“Daddy.”

Sonny, who was being held by Serenity, called out to Hank when he saw the latter.

The people in the store turned to look at Hank.

They saw Hank standing next to the young and beautiful Jessica, then at Liberty, whom Sonny had called “ Mommy” earlier. The store clerks looked at Liberty with sympathy.

She came out shopping for clothes but ended up catching her husband cheating on her....

“Sonny,”

Hank walked over to Serenity under the watchful eyes of the store clerks. Jessica followed closely.

“Sonny, let Daddy hold you.”

Hank reached out to hug Sonny.

Serenity did not give him Sonny directly and placed him on the ground instead. If Sonny was willing to let his father hold him, then Hank could crouch to pick up his son.

Sonny was still young and did not know his parents had divorced.

He was not that close with his father, but he would not reject him either. He let Hank hold him since his father wanted to.

The store clerks were speechless.

They were planning on quickly calling the police if a scuffle broke out.

Liberty continued to pick clothes as if nothing happened. She bought a few sets of clothing from this brand before she got married. She was quite fond of it, so she habitually chose this store when she followed Audrey out to shop for new clothes.

Unfortunately, this brand did not have plus sizes.

“He’s my ex-husband.”

Liberty spoke indifferently.

Realization dawned on the store clerks. That explained how she could still calmly browse for clothes even when seeing her husband with another woman.

It turned out that he was her ex-husband.

“Are you shopping for clothes, Liberty? This brand isn’t cheap.”

Jessica found it an incredible eyesore when she saw Hank playing with his son. However, she could not act out. When she saw Liberty’s indifferent expression, she could not help but walk to the latter’s side while flaunting like a victor.

Liberty did not stop looking at the clothes. She only gave Jessica a sidelong glance and said flippantly,”

That’s true, but I can still afford to buy these clothes with the million dollars Hank gave me.”

Jessica choked.

Serenity walked over and picked out a set of clothes in a color and style that suited her sister. “Liberty, these ones suit you very well.”

Jessica suddenly reached out and grabbed the set of clothes, saying with a vague smile, "Serenity, why don't you look at your sister's body? How can she wear these clothes? Even if you have money beyond your knowledge of spending it, that's not how you should do it."

Serenity did not bother to take back the clothes that were snatched away by Jessica as she felt that Jessica's hands were dirty.

She could not understand Jessica. 'Is she deliberately trying to make her presence known because she had successfully gone from being a mistress to a proper girlfriend? Why's she showing off her love with Hank in front of my sister?'

Jessica was trying to make her presence known and wanted to show off her relationship with Hank so she could place herself in the position of the winner.

She was young, pretty, had a good figure, and had Hank completely wrapped around her finger.

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When Liberty was Hank's wife, Hank led an easy life with everything provided.

Now, it was Jessica who was living that life.

Hank felt that Jessica was his true love.

After defeating Liberty by easily getting promoted to the top and gaining Hank's deep affection, Jessica could not wait to show off in front of Liberty, trying to provoke her.

Liberty did not pay attention to Jessica and picked out a few more sets of clothes for herself.

Seeing this, Jessica tried to grab the clothes again.

Serenity caught her wrist and said coldly, "Hey, don't think my sister is easy to bully. She doesn't care to fight with you, but I won't allow you to bully her!"

She flung the hand away. With a push, Jessica was forced several steps back and retreated to Hank's side.

"Hank Brown, keep an eye on your lover. Don't let her piss me off or I'll beat her to a pulp."

Jessica was so angry that she was at a loss for words. "Serenity Hunt, does your man know how brutish you are? Be careful so he doesn't throw you away."

Serenity laughed. "My man is different from others. He likes my brutishness!"

Jessica was infuriated by Serenity's laughter. When she saw Hank by the side with Sonny in his arms instead of standing up for her, she slapped his arm in anger and scolded him. "Look, Hank! Your ex-sister-in-law is bullying me!"

Hank was afraid that Jessica would hurt Sonny in her rage, so he put the boy down.

Serenity waved at her nephew. "Come here, Sonny."

Sonny immediately walked up to Serenity, who picked him up and said to Hank, "Watch your woman, Hank. I'm not as tolerant as my sister."

"Seren, don't bicker with a mad dog."

Liberty handed the clothes to the clerk, took her son back from her sister's arms, and said, "She probably thinks that a mistress has to fight it out with the legal wife. I was quick to grant her wish, but she felt that it was going too smoothly, so she was just showing off to feel superior."

"What's there to show off? Hank Brown is just a man I don't want anymore. If I were to compare him to a shoe, he's just a pair of worn-out shoes. I threw them away, but she picked them up and treated them like treasure."

"Liberty!"

Hank called out with a dark expression.

"Take a look in the mirror. Aren't you embarrassed shopping in this store? Can you even wear these clothes? You'll just end up ruining them."

Liberty glanced at him and said to the sales clerk, "Ring me up, please. I'll take all these clothes."

Jessica said sarcastically, "Why don't you buy all the clothes in this store? Didn't you get acknowledged by a rich aunt? Didn't your aunt give you hundreds of millions to shop for clothes?"

"Do you live in a villa? Drive a luxury car? Do you have bodyguards following you around everywhere?"

That was what Jessica was most jealous about

As soon as Liberty and Hank divorced, Liberty found her wealthy aunt.

That aunt was from the Stone family, a powerful family, which was second only to the Yorks.

Their assets were worth billions

The entire Brown family regretted it when they learned that Liberty got an affluent aunt, especially Hank's mother

When Jessica and Hank first got together, Olivia liked her and praised her for being more sensible, good-looking, and capable than Liberty. Olivia commented that it was Hank's good fortune to be able to meet her

Now, Olivia had privately told Hank to pursue Liberty again, saying that Liberty was more suitable to be a wife than Jessica was.

Was she mocking that Jessica could only be a mistress?

"Buy all the clothes in this store if you can, or I'll look down on you!"

Before Liberty could speak, Audrey and Elisa pushed the door. Audrey took good care of her face, but at that moment, her expression was gloomy as she loudly told the clerk, "Except for the set of clothes she's holding, pack up all the clothes in your store for my niece."

