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### Chapter 331

“Just give my sister a hand and manage her children’s daily meals as well as their to and fro school run. You’re cooking regardless if they’re eating here anyway, so cooking for two more kids won’t make much of a difference. They’re still

children, so they don’t eat that much either.

“Think of it as doing me a favor. We’ve been married for so many years. You’re willing to help me, right?”

Hank’s voice was gentle, and he looked at Liberty when he spoke. He even tried to appeal to her emotions.

“My sister won’t make you work for nothing. She’ll give you a thousand bucks every month, and as I mentioned last time, I’d give you another fifteen hundred for living expenses. Including the thousand bucks my sister is giving you, you’ll have twenty-five hundred a month. That’s pretty decent.”

Liberty wanted to laugh.

She was angered to the point where she could only laugh at Hank and his sister’s thoughts. One thousand dollars for her to take the two children to and from school and cook three meals a day for them, on top of tutoring them? “Hank Brown, do you think a thousand dollars is a lot?”

“It doesn’t cost you any money to live and eat here. My sister is giving you a thousand for nothing, so you can keep

all that for yourself as savings. Isn’t that a lot? If you think it’s not enough, I’ll give you an additional thousand.”

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Liberty interrupted him and said, “Did I not make myself clear last time? I told you, I won’t be responsible for children who do not belong to me. Besides, I have something to tell you too. I also found a job and will be starting tomorrow.

“I asked Serenity to help me take care of Sonny. I have to ask my sister to help me with my own son. How would I have the time and leisure to take care of other people’s children?”

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Hank’s expression darkened upon hearing that. “What do you mean you’re going to work? How old is Sonny? He still can’t live without his mother. Do I not give you enough food or clothes? Why are you going to work?”

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“I’m free to work if I want to, and my sister can help me take care of Sonny. Yes, you don’t give me enough food and clothes. I’ve had it with you, Hank! Do you really think I can’t earn enough money to support myself?”

“You and your family think all I can do is eat and can’t make money, right? Your mother and sister even scolded me, saying I’m useless even after studying so much. They said I’m useless unless I can earn money! If not for Sonny, do you think I’d let you guys step on me and oppress me?”

“I was really stupid, Hank. I was stupid to believe that you would support me. Heh. Look at my hair. It’s still dark and shiny. I don’t have a single white hair. I’m still young. You haven’t supported me for life yet, but you wanted to go

Dutch with me after just three years.

“You know well enough that I used my savings to renovate this house. You know I’m raising the child at home with no source of income, but you still want to go Dutch with me. Weren’t you just trying to force me to go to work? In that case, I’ll grant your wish and start working!”

“I will never believe anything you say anymore for the rest of my life!”

Hank’s expression was dark as he said, “You were the one who forced my hand. You spend money without any restraint...”

“What are you talking about? What did I buy with your money? All my skincare products were bought for me by Serenity, and all my jewelry and bags were bought by myself before I got married. When was the last time I bought new clothes since the wedding? “I only bought new clothes for the three of us as a family to leave a good impression on Zachary last time. I only spent a thousand or so dollars, but your family keeps harping about it even now. They say I’m spending money indiscriminately and ruining the family.”

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“After the marriage, all of the money I’ve spent on was for this small home, you, and Sonny. I scrimp when it comes to myself, but I’m generous when it’s for you and your son. But now you’re telling me I spend money without restraint and that has forced you to go Dutch with me to control my spending habits? “Hank Brown, are you blind or is your heart black? Doesn’t

it go against your conscience to say such stuff? Was your conscience eaten by a dog?” Hank was struck speechless by Liberty’s questions. After a long pause, he said, “Liberty, I’ll stop going Dutch with you. Don’t go to work and take care of Sonny first. You can return to work when he starts preschool.”

“I think that it’s fine to continue going Dutch. There’s no need to stop it. We can just go on like this. You don’t have to say anything else either. Even if you give me ten thousand a month for living expenses now, I’m still going to work.”

She wanted to get a job and make herself financially independent for the purpose of getting custody of her son after the divorce.

Never again would she listen to his drivel.

Chapter 332 Since Hank could not convince Liberty to agree, he lost his patience and asked her grimly, “Where are you working? Which company is stupid enough to take you in?”

Liberty beamed and said, “Lewis and Co. I was hired by Mr. Lewis himself.”

Hank was speechless.

Lewis and Co. was not a place he could reach. He thought that if she was working in a small company, he could use his connections to stop Liberty from working and she would lose her job again. She would then stay home obediently and take care of the child.

He did not expect her to be this capable. She left the workplace for more than three years and was as fat as a pig. She no longer had her aura from the past, but still managed to join a large company like Lewis and Co. Furthermore, she was personally hired by Mr. Lewis.

He must be a horrible judge of character.

Hank slandered Duncan cynically.in his heart.

Not even he had the ability to work in Lewis and Co.

“Are you done with what you have to say? If you are, please get out. I need to rest since I have to get up early for work tomorrow.”

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Liberty remembered Duncan saying that she must run five laps around the small garden in front of the office building every day before she could start work.

Ms. Chaplin would monitor her and make sure she finished the five laps.

If she slept poorly, she would not have the energy to work tomorrow. She was afraid she would lose her hard-earned job if she did not perform well on her first day.

Hank grunted heavily and walked away.

He spent money on a pearl necklace for nothing.

When he went out, he slammed the room door with a bang.

The noise startled his mother who was sleeping in the guest room.

Olivia came out wearing a coat and saw her son storming out of the master bedroom. She quickly approached him and asked with concern, "What's wrong, Hank? Did you have another fight with Liberty? Or did she not agree to help your sister pick up the children?"

Hank softened his expression in front of his mother and said, "Mom, Liberty said she found a job today and will be starting work tomorrow. She's letting Serenity take care of Sonny and can't help Chelsea with her kids' schooling transportation."

"Your sister is giving her money, yet she's still unwilling? What do you mean she's going to work? Echoing your sister, it's time for you two to have a second child. Her

company won't want her when she's pregnant anyway. Why waste time now?"

Hank thought in his heart, 'There's no way I'll have a second child with Liberty.

'I don't even want to touch her now, and she won't let me touch her anyway.'

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Of course, he would not tell his mother that. He said, "She probably thinks Chelsea is giving her too little. I didn't even know she had found herself a job because she didn't tell me. If I hadn't discussed this with her, I guess she would've continued keeping this as a secret."

Hank himself had something to hide from Liberty, but he thought nothing of it.

However, when Liberty hid something from him, he became angry and upset.

Chapter 333 Olivia thought about it and said, "I'll talk to her again tomorrow and see if I can talk her out of going to work, but you should give her a little more living expenses in the future. Also, stop going Dutch with her.

"I thought that going Dutch would benefit you, but now it seems like there's no advantage. Now, you have to do everything yourself when you come back. When your sister and I come over, we have to pay Liberty to cook for us too.

"You don't seem to be saving a lot of money either. It'll be much easier on you if you stop going Dutch with her. It'll be worth it even if it means having to give her an extra two thousand per month for living expenses."

Hank was silent for a moment and said, "Even if we stop going Dutch, Liberty and I can't go back to how we were before. I... I really have no interest in her anymore. If not for Sonny and Chelsea, I wouldn't have lowered myself to speak to her so humbly."

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As soon as he finished speaking, Olivia slapped him. She scolded him in a low voice, "You men are all the same. Once you get married, you won't be able to resist the temptation of other women. Do you really think that Yates girl truly loves you? She's only after your status."

“If you were an ordinary employee earning three to five thousand a month, do you think she’d take a liking to you? Yes, you’re quite handsome. I’m very satisfied with your

face, but can you make a living out of being attractive?

“Girls nowadays are clear-headed. If you have no money and no status, you’ll forever be a bachelor no matter how handsome you are.

“You’ll regret it if you really split with Liberty.”

Hank firmly believed that Jessica was his true love, so he did not listen to a word his mother said.

“It’s late, Mom. You should rest. I’ll talk to Liberty and convince her to help Chelsea pick up the children.”

If Liberty refused to help, his house would not have to be transferred to his sister.

Speaking of which, did Liberty refuse to help because she did not want him to transfer the house to Chelsea?

Well, she was aware that no one else in the family had time to help Chelsea pick up and drop off the children.

Hank wanted to go back to the room to question Liberty, but he was worried about quarreling with her again, so he dropped the idea.

The night passed without a word.

The next day, the sky was gray and drizzly.

The chill set in after a light rain. When Serenity walked out of the room and saw Zachary collecting the clothes on the balcony.

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She went out to look and said, “It’s not raining heavily, and there’s no wind either. The clothes hanging here won’t get

wet.”

Zachary was collecting the clothes he washed last night which he had originally hung out on the small balcony in his room. However, when he woke up in the middle of the night, he realized the weather was windy, so he took the opportunity when Serenity was fast asleep to hang the clothes on the large balcony. Unexpectedly, it rained in the morning and the wind stopped blowing as well.

He touched the clothes and felt that they were still damp. It was not dry enough to wear.

The washing machine that Sam sent over had a drying function, but even that could not dry wet clothes enough to be worn. “Don’t you have other clothes to wear?” Serenity asked casually when she saw him like this. “I have many clothes. Even if I don’t wash them every day, I have enough clean clothes to last a month. I saw it was raining and was worried the clothes might be splattered by the rain, so I checked if

they were. If you say that they won't get wet, I will stop collecting them." Then, he hung the clothes back up to dry, and asked Serenity as if nothing had happened, "Do you want to make breakfast at home or go out to eat? How about I treat you to breakfast? Call your sister. If Ms. Sox is up this early, you can call her too."

Serenity laughed and teased him, "Mr. York, did you dream of winning the lottery last night? How many millions did you win?"

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Zachary flicked her forehead in amusement. "Do I need to win the lottery to treat you all to breakfast?"

"I'll call Jasmine and my sister right away. It's rare for you to treat us, so we must take you up on your offer."

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Serenity phoned Jasmine with a smile.

Jasmine laughed on the phone. "Seren, you two finally made up. Mr. York is willing to even treat me to breakfast? I'm relieved. I was so worried he thought I was trying to matchmake you."

Shawn was her cousin, but she did not want her best friend and him to become a couple. That was because the Lowe family was not suitable for her best friend.

Even though her aunt usually treated Serenity well, if she found out that Shawn had feelings for Serenity, she would instantly turn hostile.

Serenity would not have a good life with someone like Jasmine's aunt as her mother-in-law, so Jasmine would not help her cousin.

When there was an opportunity to be alone with Shawn, she intended to have a proper talk with him. She would tell him to give up on Serenity and stop coming to the shop frequently, lest Zachary misunderstood again.

After marriage, both men and women had to consider the feelings of their other halves. Regardless if they did nothing wrong, so long as their significant other saw them with another person of the opposite sex, they would get angry.

However, nothing would happen as long as they kept their distance.

"I'll be right there."

Jasmine chose to take up Zachary's offer over doing business.

"By the way, where are we eating? Send me the location and I'll ride my bike there."

Serenity pulled the phone from her ear and asked, "Mr. York, where are we eating?" "The buffet restaurant on the first floor of Wiltspoon Hotel has a big breakfast spread. No matter where you come from, you'll find flavors from your hometown there."

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Serenity told her friend, "The buffet restaurant on the first floor of Wiltspoon Hotel."

"Got it. I'll head there now."

After ending the call with Jasmine, Serenity called her sister and learned that Liberty was up, so she said to Zachary, "Mr. York, let's fetch my sister from her place."

Zachary had no problem with that.

Serenity tucked her phone back into her pants pocket and headed down to the living room to get her car keys. She then took her pet cats and dog with her, and waited for Zachary to leave together.

Following behind Serenity, Zachary saw her brisk footsteps and could tell that she was obviously in a happy mood. He called her in a low voice, "Serenity."

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Serenity turned to look at him. "What's up?"

Zachary's eyes fell on her white and slender hands.

Noticing that he was staring at her hands, Serenity lifted them and looked at them. When she did not see anything amiss, she said with a laugh, "Mr. York, what are you staring at my hands for? If you have something to say, then say it. Don't make me guess. I'm too dumb to guess correctly."

Zachary silently cursed in his heart, 'She's not dumb at all. She's incredibly smart.'

"It's nothing." He wanted to say that they should go to a jewelry store to buy a pair of rings after breakfast. He had not given her any jewelry since they got their marriage license. However, he swallowed the words in his mouth.

'She probably won't accept it.'

Serenity did not say anything and went into the elevator with the pets first.

Zachary paused for a moment. He was cursing himself internally for holding onto his pride which prevented him from saying sweet words.

He then pretended as if nothing happened and followed her into the elevator.

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Serenity would be returning to the store after breakfast while Zachary would be heading to the office. Since their routes were different, the couple drove their own cars separately.

They first went to Bright Boulevard to pick Liberty up.

They saw Liberty pushing her son out to the entrance of the neighborhood.

"Liberty."

Serenity quickly got out and walked toward her sister after pulling the car over by the curb.

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Sonny stretched his arms out for Serenity to carry him.

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Serenity bent over and picked him up, rewarding him with two little kisses and that made the little one giggle.

When Zachary saw this, he wanted to shrink himself to become a two-year-old toddler so Serenity would kiss him too.

“Why is Sonny up so early today?”

“I woke him up and fed him milk before coming out.”

Liberty nodded at her brother-in-law and greeted him, “Zachary.”

“Let’s get in the car, Liberty.” As Zachary spoke, he stepped

forward and loaded the child’s stroller into Serenity’s car.

“Liberty, are you taking public transportation to work?”

Serenity asked her sister while driving, “Why don’t you ride an e-bike? You can stuff it inside Zachary’s car.”

His car was big, so there was no problem fitting Liberty’s small e-bike.

“There’s not enough time. I’ll ride the e-bike to work tomorrow.”

Liberty deliberately changed into a more flattering outfit today, compared to the casual outfit she usually had on at home.

It had been a long time since she went to work. Now that she was reentering the workforce, she felt a little nervous. “I’ll send you to the office later before heading to the store.”

“That works too.”

Liberty did not turn down her sister’s offer.

Serenity asked again about the reason Olivia and Chelsea came over.

“Isn’t it obvious? It’s that thing I told you about last time. They wanted me to pick up Chelsea’s children as well as cook for and tutor them, but I refused! Since Chelsea gave birth to them, she could take care of them. I don’t have the time to care about her children. Besides, her children are like her. Taking care of them is just a thankless task.”

Her decision was made by putting aside her relationship breakdown with Hank. Even if they were getting along, she did not want to accept this kind of work.

She was tired enough taking care of Sonny alone.



“Aren’t your in–laws helping with her children’s school transportation arrangement? Just let them handle it.”

Liberty sneered. “Will Chelsea be willing to let her parents take care of them? The two elderly get worked to the bone at home serving the family. All the living expenses that Hank gives them are spent on Chelsea’s family instead.”

“Only your in–laws would raise such a daughter.”

The whole family were all enablers for that she–devil. Serenity hoped her sister could get out of the Brown family soon.

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“Seren, why did Zachary suddenly think of treating us to breakfast today?”

“Didn’t you just find a job? He invited us to breakfast to congratulate you on getting a job. You’re one step further away from the sea of suffering. We’re all happy for you.”

Liberty laughed, thinking that her brother–in–law was too courteous and attentive.

“Zachary really is a good man. Seren, you have to...”

“Treat him well, yes. My ears are going to fall off with how many times you tell me that. It’s not like I abuse him on a daily basis. I even bought him a couple of new clothes last night.”

Serenity suddenly remembered Zachary’s little action at home earlier. He would usually not hang his clothes on the main balcony, as if he was afraid she would steal his clothes to sleep with. In short, he held his guard up like she was a thief.

However, he hung his clothes on the main balcony to dry last night. It was a little strange. No, it was incredibly strange. If she was not mistaken, the clothes he was checking on earlier were the same ones she bought for him last night.

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Serenity remembered the brand of the suit she spent over ten thousand dollars to buy. There was no mistake.

She laughed to herself.

‘Zachary must have wanted to wear the new clothes. That’s the reason for all those little actions.

‘It’s no wonder Nana said his still waters run deep. He won’t throw away the clothes I bought for him.

‘Sure enough, Nana knows her grandson best. She has a complete grasp over his personality.’ When they arrived at Wiltspoon Hotel, Jasmine was already waiting there.

The group entered the hotel.

The hotel's lobby manager recognized Zachary and put a smile on his face, about to greet him. However, Zachary glared eerily at the manager, who was struck speechless.

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'Did I do something wrong?'

The manager did not dare to greet or follow Zachary, so he stood still and watched as Zachary and his party walked away.

After an indefinite amount of time, he finally came back to his senses when he was tapped on the shoulder.

"Mr. Callum?"

The manager looked at Callum like a savior. He grabbed Callum and whispered, "Mr. Callum, I saw someone who looked very much like Mr. Zachary earlier, but I didn't dare to greet him because I was afraid I had the wrong person. However, he really looked like Mr. Zachary! The only difference was that there were no bodyguards with him."

Yes, he must have mistaken the person just now.

Mr. Zachary had bodyguards following him wherever he went. Even though the man earlier looked exactly like Mr. Zachary and even had the same glare, they were not the same person.

Callum quickly asked, "Did you greet him?"

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"I wanted to, but I didn't dare to after he glared at me. Thank goodness I didn't greet him, or it'd have been embarrassing," the manager answered. If his real boss found out that the manager mistook someone else for him, the manager might end up getting fired. "That's good. If you see Mr. Zachary without his bodyguards with him in the future, just pretend that you don't know him."

The manager was confused. "Do you mean that the man earlier really was Mr. Zachary?"

"If it was, why do I have to pretend to not know him?"

Callum patted the manager's shoulder. "Just keep my words in mind, and I guarantee that your work will go smoothly. You'll get a promotion and a salary bump too. If you don't listen to me, don't blame me for not telling you

about this when you lose your job one day."

The manager was speechless.

"Also, if I'm with Zachary when he doesn't have bodyguards around, don't call me Mr. Callum either. Understand?"

For the sake of his promotion and salary raise, the manager nodded his head repeatedly. "Yes, I understand!"

Callum patted his shoulder again and said, "Not bad. You have potential."

Then, he walked away.

Since Zachary appeared here without his bodyguards, he must have brought Serenity over. Callum had to go over and

greet his sister-in-law.

He entered the restaurant but could not find his brother and sister-in-law. That was because Serenity and the others just exited when he entered, but they did not bump into each other. With that, Callum did not get to meet his brother and sister-in-law.

"Zachary, I'll send my sister to work first. She's going to be late."

Serenity knew her sister was anxious. Liberty kept looking at the time on her phone.

She could not be late for her first day of work.

Serenity did not know that her sister had to run five laps before she could go to work.

Liberty usually lacked exercise, so she would most likely need more time to run five laps.

That was why she was anxious.

"All right. Drive carefully," Zachary urged.

Serenity responded and they walked away.

Jasmine also said, "I'll go back to the store first, Mr. York.

Thank you for treating me to breakfast."

Zachary nodded. Jasmine left the hotel and rode away on her small e-bike.

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After Jasmine left, Zachary called his bodyguards and informed them to fetch him from the hotel.

His bodyguards would always be following in his shadows. After receiving his call, they quickly arrived at the hotel to meet him.

"Go to the jewelry store first," Zachary said to the driver when he got into the car.

The driver replied respectfully, "Yes, sir."

There were many jewelry stores in a bustling metropolis like Wiltspoon. There was a jewelry store on the way from the hotel to the office.

The driver stopped at the entrance of the store.

"You don't need to follow me in."

Zachary commanded in a low voice, got out of the car alone, and went into the jewelry store.

He was very quick when it came to buying things. He selected a pair of gold rings, paid for them, and waited for a clerk to put the rings in two red brocade boxes and then into a bag. Zachary then took the bag before he simply turned and left.

The clerk watched him go. When Zachary got into the car, the clerk withdrew his gaze and sighed in his heart, 'It turns out that stunning men like him actually exist.

'He's mature, calm, tall, handsome, majestic and cool! He bought a pair of rings, so he must have a girlfriend.' The driver drove away after Zachary entered the car.

Jim turned to look at Zachary. "It's not for you," the man said to him coldly.

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Jim quickly said, "Mr. Zachary, I was just curious. I have no other thoughts."

'Even if it's for me, I wouldn't dare accept it. That's a ring!'

Zachary opened one of the brocade boxes and retrieved the ring. He slid it onto his ring finger on his left hand.

Jim understood now. Zachary was declaring his marital status to the public. He thought, 'Does Mr. Zachary plan to come clean to the Missus?

"Mr. Zachary, can we call Missus 'Missus' when we see her in the future?"

Zachary looked at him and said in a low voice, "No. Keep calling her as you have."

Jim was speechless.

'I misunderstood.

'Mr. Zachary isn't trying to confess his identity to the Missus.

'In that case, what does he mean by wearing that ring?'

Soon, Jim found out the real reason Zachary wore the ring.

The car was again forced to stop in front of the office building because Ms. Stone was waiting there.

Jim took his hat off to Elisa. 'She waits here every day without fail. Even though Mr. Zachary ignores her, she still comes here without feeling ashamed.

"Mr. Stone is probably helpless against his sister.

According to Mr. Zachary's temper, he'll definitely use a method that breaks Ms. Stone's heart and make her give up on him.

'I don't know what he's thinking. He only called Mr. Stone once and told the latter to come over and take Ms. Stone away, but that was all.' "Zachary."

Elisa held an insulated lunchbox and a bouquet of flowers as she blocked the road. She shouted at the man in the car, "I won't move unless you get out of the car, Zachary."

For the past two days, she waited for him along the path of his way out of his villa, but she did not manage to meet him.

She guessed he was avoiding her.

He had a lot of houses under his name, and she did not know which one he was staying at. In the end, she decided it was better to wait in front of the company. That way, there was no way she would miss him.

Zachary sat quietly in the car for a minute before he reached out, pushed the door open, and got out of the car. "Zachary."

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Elisa was overjoyed to see Zachary getting out of the car.

She felt that her persistence had led to some progress. Zachary went from ignoring her to getting out of the car to see her. That was progress indeed.

"Zachary, I prepared breakfast for you."

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Elisa quickly brought the breakfast she made with love to him while handing him the bouquet of flowers. She smiled brightly and said, "I personally snipped these flowers from my garden, trimmed the thorns, and arranged them into a bouquet. It's for you."

Zachary looked at Elisa without any expression on his face.

'She's sending flowers to a grown man. How exactly did Serenity teach her to pursue me?

'Is she treating me as a woman?'

He extended his right arm to receive the bouquet while the left arm took the insulated lunch box.

Elisa was immediately feeling ecstatic. 'Is Zachary accepting me?' The next moment, she saw Zachary wearing a gold ring on his left hand. The gold ring was large and worn on his ring finger. Even if there was no sun today, it glimmered and shone so brightly that no one could ignore its presence.

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"Zachary!"

Elisa asked him cautiously, "You... Why are you wearing that ring on your ring finger?" She forced a smile and carefully explained, "Rings worn on the ring finger are usually wedding bands."

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Zachary turned and left after showing off his ring. He walked to the door of the security guard post and asked in a low voice, "Where's the garbage can?"

The security guard hurriedly brought him the garbage can, and Zachary threw away the flowers along with the insulated lunch box.

He turned around, walked toward his car, and got in.

He did not explain to Elisa why he was wearing a ring on his ring finger.

As Elisa said, only wedding rings were worn on the ring finger. Its meaning was obvious. Elisa was not a fool, so there was no way she did not understand.

“Drive!” Zachary ordered in a low voice.

The driver quickly started the car, passed by Elisa, and entered the building.

Elisa was immobilized as if she had been petrified. She stood there, motionless, as her face grew paler by the second.

It turned out that Zachary was not accepting her. He just wanted to throw away the bouquet and the breakfast she made for him with love into the trash can in front of her.

He was even wearing a wedding ring!

Elisa had a crush on the man for many years, so she knew his hands had always been clean. He never wore any accessories.

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Now, he was wearing a ring on his ring finger. Was he telling her that he was married?

However, she had not heard the news that he was married.

Could it be that he did not announce the marriage in order to protect his wife?

However, with his status, people would only be jealous of his wife. No one would dare touch her. Was it necessary to hide the marriage to protect his wife?

Or did he deliberately buy a ring and wear it on his ring finger to trick her?

No matter what, Elisa felt that she had to get to the bottom of this.

If Zachary was really married, she would be the third party interfering with his marriage if she continued to pester him. It was not like no one else was willing to marry her. Even if she was head over heels for Zachary, she would not be the third party in his marriage.

There were plenty of other fish in the sea.

She would never steal another woman's man! With that thought, Elisa quickly ran to her sports car and drove away from York Corporation.

She did not go to her love advisor since it was useless in this matter. She had to find her brother and beg him to help her investigate whether Zachary was married.

She went straight to Stone Group.

She was Clive's only sister, and Clive doted on his sister dearly. He was famous in Stone Group and even Wiltspoon for that reason.

Therefore, when Elisa drove straight into Stone Group, no one dared to stop her. She darted all the way upstairs and barged into the president's office.

Chapter 339 Clive received the news of his sister's arrival a long time ago, so he did not admonish his sister for barging into his office like this.

"Why are you running so fast? Is there a ghost chasing after you?"

Clive put down his fountain pen. Since his sister was here, he would not be able to work for the time being.

"Didn't you go to York Corporation to wait for Zachary today? How many times have I said this? Zachary isn't suitable for you, nor will he fall in love with you, but you don't believe me and refuse to give up. Did you get hurt by him again?"

Clive got up and walked around his desk. When his sister came closer, he looked at her pale face with distress. "What did Zachary do to you?"

He was not in favor of his sister's pursuit of Zachary, but he would never allow Zachary to hurt her.

"Clive."

Elisa grabbed her brother's arm and asked anxiously, "Clive, tell me quickly. Is Zachary single or married?"

Clive was stunned and said, "Why are you asking this question? Everyone in Wiltspoon knows that Zachary is single. He doesn't even have a friend of the opposite sex. With his kind of temperament, he doesn't allow young

women to approach him unless they're relatives. Only you have the audacity to openly pursue him.

"I even told Zachary that it's thanks to you that he can have the experience of being wooed. He'll be forever alone with no one to appreciate him." "Zachary was wearing a ring on his left ring finger. Is he really single? Could it be that we just didn't know that he was married?"

"...Zachary is wearing a wedding band? But he's really not married."

The two companies were fierce competitors, and Clive had always kept an eye on Zachary. He would be the first to know if Zachary got married.

Furthermore, with Zachary's identity, how could no one know that he got married? His marriage would be a sensation in Wiltspoon.

“Then why is he wearing a wedding ring?”

Clive said in amusement, “How would I know? Maybe he wore it on a whim. Many people do that. Unmarried people also wear a ring or two, and people trying to show off their wealth will even wear rings on all ten fingers.

“I once saw an upstart who did that exact same thing. He wore gold rings on all ten fingers, a thick gold chain, gold bracelets on both wrists, a gold watch, and so on. In short, he was completely decked out in gold. It was like he was worried that people wouldn’t know he was rich.”

People like them who were truly rich kept a much lower profile.

In their circle, people who adorned themselves with jewelry all over their body were just upstarts.

“Did he wear a ring on his left ring finger purposely to make me give up on him?”

Clive pulled his sister to the sofa to take a seat. He poured a cup of warm water and handed it to her. Then, he sat down beside her and flicked her head and said dotingly, “My sister is the smartest.

“Elisa, since you know that Zachary is doing this to make you give up, you should just give up. There are many young talents in Wiltspoon. As long as you like someone who isn’t Zachary, I’ll try my best to bring you two together.”

Elisa’s face was not as pale after she realized that Zachary only did that to make her give up. She took a sip of warm water and said, “As long as Zachary is still single, I have my eyes set on him. I’m not marrying anyone except him!” Unless he was already married.

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“Yeah, I’m just that stubborn.”

Clive was exasperated.

“Zachary won’t develop feelings for you, and the York family won’t pick you either.”

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He analyzed for his sister. “Old Mrs. York is an adult child. Out of her nine grandchildren, except for the youngest two who aren’t at marriageable age yet, the remaining seven are ready to get married. She’s looking forward to her grandchildren getting married.

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“It’s been some time since you publicly professed to Zachary, but what did Old Mrs. York do? She did nothing. It’s as if she doesn’t know that you’re pursuing Zachary. Do you know why? It’s because she doesn’t want you as her eldest granddaughter-in-law.

“Otherwise, with her personality, she’ll definitely encourage Zachary if she knows that someone is openly pursuing him. She might even do something excessive like wrapping him up and sending him to your bed so you two can do the deed. That way, she’ll be able to have a great grandchild as soon as



possible. "If Zachary and you sleep together, both the York and Stone families will tell Zachary to take responsibility for you even if he doesn't want to marry you as a wife."

Zachary was a very responsible man.

Maybe that was why he always went around with an entourage of bodyguards who maintained a protective circle three meters around him, not allowing young women to approach him unless they were relatives. It was because he was afraid that someone would try to use this method to get him.

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Elisa said, "...Maybe Old Mrs. York doesn't know that I'm pursuing Zachary." "Just keep lying to yourself. Do you know who Old Mrs. York was when she was young? She was the boss of an intelligence circle. There's nothing that can slip past her unless it's something she doesn't want to know. Your public confession to Zachary made the trending news. Old Mrs. York is neither blind nor deaf, so there's no way she doesn't know that you like Zachary.

"Since she didn't make a move, it means that she doesn't fancy you as her eldest granddaughter-in-law. The York family is good, and their elders are open-minded. As long as the young ones have a partner they like, the elders won't get in their way. However, it's very difficult to please elders who don't like you after marriage."

"Elisa, listen to me. Stop going after Zachary. I admit that Zachary is exceptional, but he's not suitable for you. You'll only hurt yourself if you carry on like this. He doesn't love you at all, so it won't be painful for him."

There would only be pain if there was love.

Going after someone who did not love you was like trying to get through an iron bastion. It was a fruitless endeavor.

Elisa said sadly, "Clive, it's easy to fall in love with someone, but it's hard to give up on a person you love very much. It's not like I've never tried giving up on him. I tried for several years, but I couldn't do it. That's why I went all out to publicly confess to him and chase after him.

"I think I should still try. Even if I fail, at least I've tried, so I won't regret it. If I give up without even trying, it'll be a thorn in my heart forever. I might have missed out on someone whom I love. That's something very, very painful."

Clive took his sister's shoulders and said in distress, "Elisa, you've already tried and seen the results. Zachary has never warmed up to you. He has a heart of ice when it comes to you. You'll only be more hurt if you continue to go after him.

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"It's not like no one else wants to marry you. Why bother pestering a man who doesn't love you?"

"I've only been pursuing him for a short amount of time. Alice chased after you for an even longer time."

Clive was speechless.

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His sister watched the entire process of his wife pursuing him, which became a good example and gave his sister the courage to chase after Zachary the same way. "Clive, help me investigate Zachary. I want to know if he's wearing that ring to trick me into giving up, or if he's really married. If it's the latter... I'm willing to give up!"

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When Elisa uttered the last two words, her heart hurt as if it was being pricked by a thousand needles.