

## Gu Lingfei 1031

### Chapter 1031 | [Serenity & Zachary]

Liberty felt that her sister's suggestion was not bad, and she replied, "Alright, we'll do as you say."

Zachary looked at the time and said gently. "Liberty, Seren, once we reach town, let's go eat first. We adults won't be hungry but Sonny is still a kid he won't be able to hold out and will probably get hungry soon."

Serenity looked at the time. Without realizing it, it was already almost noon.

She said in agreement. "Then let's go eat first. I haven't eaten my hometown's specialty for a long time now too."

"When we get back, we'll go ahead and immediately prepare to file a lawsuit," Serenity said, directed at Liberty.

Liberty did not have anything to add.

Considering Liberty's shop was about to open for its first day of business soon and she would be very busy, Serenity said thoughtfully, "Liberty, I'll handle this. Your shop will have its grand opening the day after tomorrow and you'll definitely be swarmed. I work with Jasmine, so Jasmine can watch the shop while I go handle matters for the lawsuit." I have to trouble you then, Seren."

Liberty felt that although she was the elder sister, she felt pretty useless as one because a lot of their issues were being handled by her younger sister at the moment.

"This is what we need to do to take back our parents' home. If you say you're troubling me, it's like you're regarding me as an outsider."

Zachary held Serenity's hand and said tenderly, "Seren, you have to tell me when you need my help. Don't just bear everything by yourself."

Serenity still said the same thing, "If I can handle it myself, I'll manage it myself. I definitely won't be shy with you when I need help."

As she said that, she covered Sonny's eyes with a hand and pecked Zachary's face.

Having his eyes suddenly covered by his aunt, Sonny instinctively tried to move his aunt's hand away.

Serenity smiled mischievously as she removed the hand that was covering Sonny's eyes.

This was the first time she had boldly expressed her love for Zachary in front of her elder sister.

Zachary wanted to respond in kind, but regretfully, she had already removed the hand that had been covering Sonny's eyes. Sonny's black but big and bright eyes shone with bewilderment as he looked at his aunt and uncle, which made Zachary feel abashed about kissing Serenity back.

"Aunt Ser, why did you cover my eyes?" Sonny asked.

Liberty laughed.

Serenity, however, said, "I wanted to play hide and seek with you.

Sonny felt dubious. After tilting his head and thinking about it for a moment, he said childishly, "But we're in Uncle Zak's car. We can't play hide and seek here."

"That's true. We can't play hide and seek in the car. I didn't even think of that but Sonny did! You're amazing, Sonny!" Serenity praised him.

Sonny looked very happy and said confidently, "I've always been amazing."

Everyone broke into laughter.

After the group of people reached town, had something to eat, and rested for a bit, they went to buy some candles. They then went to the florist and bought two bouquets of white roses. Following that, they went to the address Noah Hunt had provided to pay respects at Scott's and Lisa's graves.

The Hunts had only erected a gravestone for Scott but not for Lisa. If not for Noah Hunt informing them about it, who would know that was Lisa's grave?

The Hunts' plan had been to let Lisa's grave remain unmarked so no one could visit and pay their respects

After many years of not being able to visit their parents' graves, Serenity and Liberty cried before the gravestones for a while.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Stone sat before her sister's grave for a long time before getting up and leaving with the rest.

After returning to the city, her shop's opening was still on Liberty's mind. She had not employed anyone and was doing everything herself without rest. After getting home, she got on her e-bike and went to the shop with her son in tow.

Serenity was not in a good mood and Zachary sat with her on the swing on their balcony.

The husband and wife leaned against each other.

In front of All You Can Eat stood a person-Hank Brown.

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He had probably just arrived and seeing the shop was not open, he stood at the door for a moment before turning to leave

Once he turned around he saw Liberty approaching as she rode the e-bike with her son.

"Liberty!" Hank Brown shouted.

Hearing her ex-husband's shout, Liberty had the impulse to make a U-turn and leave.

Her ex-husband and his family simply seemed to keep haunting her.

She had never seen Hank so concerned about her and her son even before they had divorced.

The little guy sitting in front, however, was very happy when he saw his father and yelled, "Daddy."

Liberty did not turn her bike around and leave in the end. She had not done anything wrong, after all. She did not need to feel guilty.

Hank walked down the steps and waited for the mother and son to reach him.

“Sonny”

Liberty parked the e-bike and Hank walked forward to carry his son down from the child’s seat. He asked Sonny, smiling. “Sonny, did you miss Daddy?”

“I did.”

Hank lowered his head to kiss his son’s cheek and Sonny kissed his cheek in return.

After the affectionate moment between the father and son, Hank asked Liberty, “Were you busy today? I came by a few times but your shop wasn’t open.”

He did not dare call Liberty.

Liberty did not like receiving calls from him.

Liberty was expressionless as she walked up the steps and asked him, “Why are you looking for me? Are you still trying to get me to transfer ownership of the shop to you? Or are you trying to borrow money from me on your sister’s behalf?”

Carrying his son, Hank followed Liberty into the shop after she unlocked the door.

“Your breakfast place opens the day after tomorrow, right?” Hank asked as he looked around the shop and indiscriminately found somewhere to sit.

Liberty said to him, “Hank Brown, just tell me frankly what you came here for. But if you want my shop or want me to lend your sister money to start a business, the door’s right there. Go back to wherever you came from. If you came to see Sonny, then you should take Sonny shopping. He’s almost three and as his father, you’ve never taken him shopping.”

Hank hurriedly said, “Liberty, I’m not here to borrow money from you. Whether or not my sister has money, I’m very aware that in the past when I had high earnings, I didn’t have to care what my sister did. Since we were young, my parents told us siblings that we would be family for the rest of our lives and had to love each other.

“Now, I’m not working and I don’t have any income. I still need whatever savings I have left to pay wedding. There’s no way I’ll lend it to my sister if she still tries to ask me for money.”

Liberty said mockingly, “How rare! Mr. Brown still has moments of clarity. I thought you would continue enabling your sister. It seems Ms. Yates is capable indeed.”

She had been too kind after all.

As a daughter-in-law and a wife, she felt she ought to learn from Jessica. Although Jessica was the third wheel who had managed to successfully become the new lady of the house, she was aggressive enough with Hank and knew how to cry, pout, and pretend that she was aggrieved, making Hank unconsciously biased in her favor.

When it came to a malicious mother-in-law and a trashy sister-in-law, Jessica did not give even an inch and would not enable Chelsea's behavior of taking advantage of her maiden family.

Hank's face was a little red. He did in fact enable his sister a lot in the past and was very obedient towards her, which was how his relationship with Liberty worsened until they ended up divorcing.

"Jessica... has a lot of flaws too. There are many areas in which she can't compare to you."

Hank only realized the flaws in Jessica after moving in together.

"Anyway, let's not talk about that. Liberty, I've ordered flowers for your shop's opening."

Hank was thoroughly annoyed by his wife and his mother's arguing, which was why he had come to Liberty's diner for some peace and quiet. Ordering flowers to congratulate her on her new shop's opening was merely an excuse.

### **Chapter 1033 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

Liberty said with an impassive face, "If your wife finds out that you ordered flowers for me and she comes yelling at me for seducing her husband, that would be hilarious. If I wanted to seduce a man, I would definitely seduce someone better and more outstanding than you are. Why would I pick up trash I've already thrown away? Are there no men left in the world?"

Hank flushed in embarrassment. In Liberty's view, he was a scumbag. Considering her temperament, she would never get back together with an ex.

He really did not understand what his mother and sister thought. They treated Liberty so badly in the past and now wanted him to win Liberty back. What did they think she was?

Someone who would come and go when beckoned with the wave of a hand.

"Liberty, I admit I was wrong, but that's all in the past now. Now, we can't be husband and wife, but we can still be friends. For Sonny's sake, could you at least give me some leeway?"

Liberty looked at her son. He was innocent and pure and to this day did not understand why his parents were not living together anymore, and why his dad was no longer beside his mom but another woman instead.

Liberty thought of the fact that her son was still young and had not explained to him what divorce meant. Once he was able to understand better, she would tell him that even if she and Hank were no longer husband and wife or even if they turned into strangers, they were still Sonny's parents.

Her love for Sonny remained unchanged. Whether or not Hank would change in the future was hard to say.

Jessica was not pregnant yet and her ex-husband's family still viewed Sonny as very important. Once Jessica got pregnant and had a child, would the Browns still remember who Sonny was?

"Liberty, do you need me to come over and help when you open? If you're worried Jessica will misunderstand, I'll get my parents to come. They can't do much, but they can help you clear the dishes, wash them, and help look after Sonny."

Smiling in embarrassment, he continued, "If you're willing to pay them a little for wages, please do, but it doesn't matter if you aren't. They're Sonny's grandparents and family. We should all help each other out."

Liberty immediately rejected, "There's no need. Seren and Mrs. Lane will come over to help out."

If not for Sonny, she would not interact with the Browns at all.

"Who's Mrs. Lane?" Hank asked.

"None of your business."

Hank choked, then said to Liberty, "Liberty, we've known each other for more than a decade and were once in love. Yes, I made a mistake many men would make and I'm not asking for your forgiveness either. I won't regret the path I chose myself"

"But don't be so defensive against me, like I'm a thief. At the very least, I'm still Sonny's biological dad. I don't skimp on Sonny's child support fees either. Compared to those guys who help others raise their children after getting divorced, I think I'm one of the better ones."

He would take care of Sonny now when he was young, and he hoped Sonny would take care of him when he was old.

"Mr. Brown, since you're well aware that we are no longer husband and wife, stop saying things like we're a family. If your wife heard that, be careful or she might twist your ear and make you kneel on spikes. Now that we have nothing to do with each other, why should I tell you about my business?"

Liberty did not show Hank any mercy.

She did not want Hank to know too much either. Do not assume she was oblivious to this piece of trash trying to find out what sort of benefits she was getting from her sister.

He wanted to ameliorate the antagonistic relationship between them, then shamelessly ask her to ask Zachary to let him off the hook.

Hank was cognizant that the reason he and Jessica lost their jobs and could not find new ones to this day was due to Zachary's punishment.

As long as Zachary did not let them off the hook, they would not be able to find a job.

He could not reconcile with himself to return to his old home in the countryside to farm the land and refused to go back. After bringing it up once, Jessica made such a big fuss that he felt dizzy. She said she had gotten together with him in the first place because he had bought a house in the city and had a stable job, high income, and was able to hustle on the side for extra cash.

She also came from a farming village and only managed to get out with much difficulty. She was not willing to go back to that again.

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Jessica was not willing, and deep down, neither was Hank. So only by ameliorating his relationship with Liberty could they get Zachary to spare them.

If he knew earlier that Serenity was Mr. York's wife even if he had to drag it out, he would have done his best to delay divorcing Liberty. Then Serenity would not have allowed Zachary to force him into a corner for her sister

Unfortunately, these were all thoughts in hindsight

At the time he had suspected that Zachary was "the" Zachary York but did not believe that Serenity had the luck to marry into a rich family, so he had discarded the thought Who knew that he really was "the" Zachary York?

Hank was at a loss for words

"Mr Brown, if there's nothing else, please leave "

Hank hugged his son and sat there, unmoving, but said, "I want to accompany Sonny a little longer In the past, I was too busy with work and didn't have the time to play with him, but now that I'm temporarily unemployed, it just so happens I have the time to make it up to him."

"Don't you and Ms. Yates have a wedding to hold? Don't you have to renovate the house anew?" Liberty asked in return.

"My money is mostly being managed by Jessica. I let her take care of all that so she understands both our families' financial situations. Then, she won't think of trying to help her maiden family out," Hank said.

The Yateses are kind of like vampires. They want to catch me and suck the life out of me. Luckily, Jessica knows how to draw the line."

Hank had zero goodwill for his in-laws now

The dowry given had been a little bit low, so his parents-in-law had further asked him to buy a scooter each for his two brothers-in-law They said they did not need to be too expensive-just over ten thousand dollars each would do.

New scooters that cost over ten thousand dollars each for them both would still result in his spending over twenty to thirty thousand dollars.

Hank did not even bother negotiating with his parents-in-law further and told Jessica directly that they only had the little amount of money left and let her deal with it as she saw fit.

Jessica's heart was fixated on their own little home. How could she be willing to fork out another twenty to thirty thousand dollars to buy vehicles for her two older brothers? She herself was still using Hank's old car

Thus, Jessica would return to her parents' home to argue with her parents, brothers, and sisters-in-law about once every two or three days.

Jessica's parents would scold her and call her a waste of money who did not know how to squeeze the Browns for benefits to give to her own family.

Jessica would retort by asking how much money the Yateses forked out and what benefits they gave her sisters-in-law's families when her elder brothers got married.

This struck her parents into speechlessness.

At the time their daughters-in-law married into their family, they had been very stingy. They had only given 6,600 dollars to each family, and did not pay for anything else. Moreover, before their two sons got married, they kept control over their bank accounts.

They did not give any more money to their in-laws, but the dowry Jessica's sisters-in-law provided was worth more than tens of thousands of dollars.

"Ms. Yates is indeed much more capable than I was."

Even Liberty had to admit that when it came to being a wife and daughter-in-law, Jessica was much better than she was.

Back then, it was precisely because she loved Hank that she tolerated everything and got bullied harshly.

Was the reason her ex-mother-in-law and ex-sister-in-law could bully her to that extent not all because she had enabled it?

If she had aggressively retaliated from the start, that mother-and-daughter pair would have known her might. How could they have dared keep bleating then?

### **Chapter 1035 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

"But Jessica's family isn't good not as good as Serenity Back then, Serenity not only would help with the housework and make breakfast but would also help with taking care of Sonny In the past, no matter what time I got up. Serenity would prepare breakfast for us three and I only had to eat and go to work.

"Now Jessica won't get up early to make breakfast for us and even wants me to get up and make it for her Her family only knows how to ask for favors but they don't help in any way"

Liberty felt furious hearing that "That was because you treated my sister like a free housekeeper! Do you remember why we argued last year? You said my sister was staying in your house for free and what was the use of paying two to three thousand dollars a month for food?

"Now there's no one being a free housekeeper for you guys, you're saying my sister was good? Mr Brown, let me tell you, if it weren't for me, Seren would have moved out long ago. Do you think she was happy to be a housekeeper for free? She did it all for me.

I was useless as an elder sister. I couldn't protect her and let you look down on her and accuse her, forcing her to get married just to move out.

"Back when we got married, we agreed to let Seren move in, unless she got married... Of course, looking at it from another angle, I have you to thank for it. If it weren't for your hostility and accusations against Seren, Seren wouldn't have gotten married to Zachary

"You could have some credit for Seren managing to marry into the York family."

Hank Brown was struck speechless.

How aggravating.

“Liberty, let’s not rehash old scores.”

Hank smiled, embarrassed. “That’s all in the past now.”

“You started it first If you want to spend more time with Sonny, take him out to play. There’s a small park nearby You should take Sonny there to play. I have things to do and I don’t have the time to be bothered my work.” with you. If you stay here, you’ll just very much affect my mood and

If not for the fact that her son was present and the little guy was intimately cradled in Hank’s arms, clearly showing the deep bond between them, Liberty would have wanted to chase her ex-husband out with a broom.

She thought that after the divorce, it would be as if they were walking separate paths. Their relationship would end there and they would no longer contact each other.

Unexpectedly, after the divorce, her ex-husband’s family suddenly felt that she was amazing and kept looking for her intermittently, disturbing her life.

However, because of Sonny, she could not be too crude in return.

“Go to the park? Dad, I wanna go to the park.”

Sonny heard his parents’ conversation and did not understand what it meant but he could tell his mother was unhappy.

If mom wanted dad to take him out to play, he would get dad to take him to the park to play.

Dad had never taken him to a park.

“Okay, okay. Dad will bring Sonny to the park.”

Hank did not want to continue rehashing the past with Liberty either Every time they brought it up, he could not raise his head. Who asked him to be the wrongdoer?

Although the person he loved at the moment was still Jessica and he did not have any desire to reconcile. with Liberty, he had to admit that Liberty was much better than Jessica in many ways.

Did he regret it?

Even if he did, Hank would rather die than admit it.

Hank picked Sonny up and said, “When you make dinner later, cook extra. I’ll eat here before I go

“My shop has not officially opened for business yet. We’re not doing business at the moment.”

“Liberty...”

“If you want to eat here in the future, place an order and pay for it. Then I’ll make it for you to eat.”

Hank Brown was struck silent.

Resentfully, he took his son to the nearby park to play and cultivate their father-son bond. back ”



Now, Hank was thankful that he listened to Jessica back then and gave Sonny's custody to Liberty. That way, they could use Sonny and go to Liberty's place often.

It was just that every time he came over and saw Liberty, he felt very unhappy.

After getting divorced, he had been having a bad time, but Liberty was doing pretty well. She had opened a shop and was even losing weight. After shedding more than twenty pounds, she was half as pretty as she was before getting married. If she lost another twenty or so pounds, she would completely recover the slim body she had had before their marriage.

Hank was reluctant to admit that Liberty would not be at all inferior to Jessica after slimming down.

### **Chapter 1036 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

As Duncan was driving past after work, he happened to see Hank carry Sonny out from the shop. Thinking that the scumbag was here to kidnap Sonny, he immediately hit the brakes and stopped in front of All You Can Eat

"Sonny Duncan swiftly got out of his car and walked over with big strides Before Hank could react, Duncan had taken his son from his arms.

After Duncan took Sonny from Hank, he even gave Hank a kick, which made Hank stumble a few steps backward and finally fall to the ground onto the steps, butt first.

Hank looked at Duncan, stunned.

What was this Lewis doing?

He took his son and even gave him a kick!

"Get out of here! If you dare try and kidnap Sonny again and harass Liberty, I'll make sure you won't be able to walk before I'm done with you!"

Hank was speechless.

"Dad!" Sonny cried, struggling to get down.

Hank climbed to his feet and explained, "Mr. Lewis, you've misunderstood me. I'm not here to kidnap Sonny, and I haven't harassed Liberty either. I'm just here to see Sonny. Sonny said he wanted to go to the park to play, so I'm bringing him there."

Duncan glared at him, making it obvious that he did not believe him.

Duncan walked straight into the shop, carrying Sonny

"Liberty."

He yelled the moment he walked through the door. His voice has always been on the rough side.

"Has that scumbag been coming by to harass you again? He's trying to kidnap Sonny, isn't he?"

There had been a precedent for the Browns to kidnap Sonny

Liberty came out of the little kitchen and saw Duncan carrying Sonny. She was stunned for a moment before she said, "Mr. Lewis, you're here. I did ask him to bring Sonny out to play."

"So it was my misunderstanding..." Duncan said.

He put Sonny down and turned to say to Hank, "That's fine. You should take Sonny out to play then. I didn't use much strength in that kick earlier, so you should be able to take it, right?"

Hank's expression was so dark it was dripping black ink.

Duncan's kick earlier was really hard, okay?

He had even stumbled a few steps backward and had fallen on his bum.

Under Duncan Lewis' glare, however, Hank did not dare say a word and just left after picking Sonny up.

After leaving the shop, he cajoled his son, "Sonny, let's not go to the park anymore, okay?"

"Why?"

"Didn't you see that scary man in your mom's shop? He's so fierce, even Dad's scared of him. Mom will definitely be scared of him too. If we go to the park to play and leave Mom alone in the store, she'll be bullied by that cruel man."

"Sonny's a little man, so you should learn how to protect Mom."

Duncan's arrival made Hank not want to leave. He wanted to stay there, even if Liberty tried to chase him. out with a broom. He wanted to be the third wheel.

Duncan was definitely trying to pursue Liberty!

Hank felt extremely agitated.

Duncan had a knife scar on his face and looked extremely terrifying, but he was the CEO of a big corporation and was better than him in every way.

Hank had lost his job after his second marriage. If Liberty married into a rich family for her second marriage, Hank would go crazy with envy.

### **Chapter 1037 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

Sonny looked at his dad and said. "That's Dunc Dunc would never bully Mom

Hank was silent for a moment before he asked. Do you like Dunc a lot?"

Sonny shook his head I don't like Dunc, but he's not a bad person"

Dunc was a good person, but that did not have anything to do with whether or not he liked him.

"Sonny Dunc is going to take Mom away from you He'll become a bad guy in the future What you need to do is stop Dunc and Mom from being alone together If Mom wants to go on a date with Dunc, you need to cry and throw a tantrum, get it?"

Sonny learned the way his Uncle Zak frowned when he was angry and said loudly, "Dunc likes Sonny! He's fighting Mom for Sonny, not fighting Sonny for Mom! Dunc looks scary on the outside and Sonny doesn't like it, but Dunc is not a bad person!"

"And Mom never goes out with Dunc! Every time Dunc comes over, he gives Sonny a pinwheel. Sonny doesn't like pinwheels anymore."

Dunc did not even know how to change it up.

Hank was speechless.

He stopped and looked at his son.

When they had gotten divorced, Sonny still was not speaking very well, but in only a few months, not only was Sonny conversing well, he was speaking clearly. His son was so smart!

"Sonny, you're still young, so you don't really understand adult matters. Anyway, Dunc doesn't have good intentions toward your mom. He's deliberately pleasing you His actual intention isn't what his actions show but rather he's aiming for your mom.

"Sonny, don't you think Mommy is getting prettier by the day? He's been tempted by your Mom's beauty and that's why he keeps coming to find Mom every other day. He's just using you as an excuse."

Sonny said, "Mom has always been beautiful."

In a child's heart, a mother is always the most beautiful person in the world.

"Sure, sure. Your mom has always been beautiful. Sonny, shall we come back after we get something to eat? Let's not go to the park anymore."

Sonny refused and was very insistent. "I want to go to the park. I just want to go to the park!"

Mom had been really busy lately and so had Aunt Ser, so he had not been to the park to play in a long time

No matter how Hank tried to coax him, Sonny persisted in going to the park. Hank had no choice but to bring Sonny to the park to play

He was distracted and kept thinking of Liberty and Duncan in the diner Who knew what the two of them would end up doing?

Hank disparaged Duncan in his heart, thinking to himself that Duncan had the shitty taste to actually be attracted to a divorcee like Liberty, who was a fat cow, at that.

Now that an even more outstanding man than he was had his eye on a woman he did not want and was pursuing her, Hank had mixed feelings.

Back in the diner, Liberty did not know that her ex-husband was trying to use their son to stop Duncan. Her attitude toward Duncan was much better today.

"Is the office still open today?" she asked after pouring a cup of warm water for Duncan and offering a seat

“It’s been really busy lately. Everyone has to work an extra day on the weekend. We’re giving them double the pay and tomorrow the whole company is taking the day off.

“Liberty, is that scumbag ex-husband of yours regretting it and trying to pursue you again?” Duncan asked as he drank from his cup of water.

Liberty immediately replied, “How could that be? He and that Yates woman just registered their marriage. on Valentine’s Day. Now, they’re preparing for the wedding. They’re also in the midst of renovating their marital home and he’s repeatedly stressed that he doesn’t regret getting a divorce.”

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Liberty did not regret it either

Duncan frowned. “Then why is he constantly here looking for you? That scumbag treated you like that back then. Every time I see him I feel like giving him a beating and venting some anger for you”

He wants to use Sonny to ease the hostile relationship between us”

Duncan was thoughtful for a moment, and said, “Their main aim is to get Zachary to let them off the hook, night” Don’t forgive them and let them be unemployed forever Once they’ve spent all their savings, we’ll see if Hank and his wife can still continue being as loving to each other as before”

Poor couples had a hundred things to lose Hank and Jessica’s bitter days were still ahead of them.

“Now that your diner is here, you can’t move and neither do you have to move. Just let them watch how your business gets bigger and better every step of the way In the future, you can open a big hotel and become a strong independent woman and a billionaire-we’ll see how frustrated they get.”

Liberty laughed “I want to be able to open a big hotel in the future and become a billionaire too, but we’ll see how business for this diner goes first. My first goal is to earn back the capital I put in to open this diner.

“My second goal is to be able to open a branch.”

Her life goal was to grow her business step by step and see if she could open a big hotel in the future and make her way into the F&B industry.

“When we just got divorced, I wanted to cut all contact with the Browns, but my ex-mother-in-law stalked me and found out I’m opening a diner here as well as where I’m living now. I couldn’t escape them. Then, thinking about it, there’s no way we can really cut all contact since Sonny’s still stuck in the middle.

“Anyway, I won’t let myself be trampled all over by them again. I’m not scared of them coming over periodically to bring attention to their existence.”

Duncan hit the nail on the head and said, “They regret it because you have a rich aunt and also because your sister is Zachary’s wife. They just want to benefit from all that.

“Also, you’ve been working hard since leaving the Browns and living your life fully. God won’t treat hardworking people unfairly. Your life will only get better, more than theirs could ever be.

“Now, they not only regret it, but they’re also envious of you.”

Liberty laughed. “That’s why I say even divorce isn’t scary when you meet a scumbag. The best revenge is to live better than he does.”

Even if she had not found her rich aunt and her sister was not Zachary’s wife, her days would only get better.

“Mr. Lewis, I’m going to prepare dinner for myself and my son. Do you want to eat with us? Though our meals are usually simple.”

“There’s no need. I promised my mother to go back and eat dinner with her tonight. Oh, right. Where have you been the whole day? When I went to work this morning, I didn’t see your shop open. I didn’t see it open when I got off work this afternoon either.”

Duncan had to pass this street every day on his way to and from work to reach his office.

He did not have to pay special attention to know Liberty had not been in the whole day.

“Seren and I made a trip back to our old home. We only just got back this afternoon.”

Duncan made a sound in acknowledgment, and asked with interest, “What did you go back for?”

“To fight for our inheritance and pay our respects to my parents.”

Duncan hummed again. “Did you win?”

He was aware that Liberty’s home had been entirely taken over by her grandparents and they even wanted to pass it down to John.

Liberty was silent for a moment before saying, “We’ll bring the matter to court. They won’t return the house to us in good graces.”

Thinking of how the Hunts had been making so much trouble lately in trying to get money from Zachary and even trying to ruin Zachary and Serenity’s marriage, Duncan said, “That shameless bunch of people. definitely won’t return it to you honestly. There’s no need to be considerate of them. Just sue them and settle the matter through the courts.

“If you need legal aid, just let me know. I have a legal advisor.” Liberty did not need Duncan’s help but still thanked him.

### **Chapter 1039 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

Duncan too knew that Liberty did not need his help-she had the Stone and York families helping her now.

After a moment of silence, he said, “Anyway, go ahead and do your thing. I’ll head back lest my mother calls to urge me again.”

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“When Lily needs help with her stuff, you should help her out too. Fran and I have been good friends for many years now. Although we haven’t met each other in about twenty years, we’ve never stopped talking to each other.”

Mrs. Lewis’s intention to matchmake Lily and Duncan was exceedingly obvious.

Lily’s gaze toward Duncan contained no fear either. In her opinion, the scar on Duncan’s face was terrifying, but all he needed was to get some plastic surgery done to remove the scar and recover his good looks.

He was an exceptionally handsome man if you look at the side of his face without the scar.

Who had never done an impulsive thing or two when they were young?

She herself had even gotten a tattoo before.

“Mom, I’m very busy.” Duncan said without inflection. “If Ms. Harmon requires my help, I can provide it, but I really don’t have the time to take her around.

“You’re bored staying at home every day anyway. You can accompany Ms. Harmon yourself and take her around to help her get familiar with the area,” Duncan said.

He then looked apologetically at Lily and uttered, “I really am very busy, Ms. Harmon.”

“Isn’t it a Sunday tomorrow? You still have to go back to the office?”

“Zachary invited me to his place tomorrow for a barbeque,” Duncan lied.

“Then you can just take Lily with you. You guys only have something to talk about when people of the same age get together. I’m old now so there’s a generation gap between us.”

Duncan said impassively, “We’re going to Wildridge Manor. Don’t you know what Zachary’s temper is like? Without his agreement, we invitees aren’t allowed to bring young women over.”

Mrs. Lewis was speechless.

Zachary already had a wife. Was he still that unreasonable?

Mrs. Lewis seriously suspected her son was using Zachary as a shield.

“Mrs. Lewis, it’s fine. I’ll be fine with just your company. Duncan, you can go ahead with your plans,” Lily said astutely.

She even surreptitiously tugged on Mrs. Lewis’s clothes, hinting to her to stop pressuring Duncan.

“Mom, can we eat? I’m really hungry.”

Duncan changed the topic.

Mrs. Lewis hurriedly instructed the maids to set the table.

Duncan turned and walked toward the dining room.

“Lily, that’s how Duncan is. I hope you won’t take it to heart.”

Lily said, smiling. “No worries, I don’t blame him for it. I came over out of the blue when he already had things planned. It isn’t good indeed to make him change his plans for me. By the way, when he said Zachary, did he mean Zachary York? The Wildridge Manor he mentioned is the old York residence.”

Lily was from Bellville, but she did know a little about Wiltspoon’s upper class.

“He is the eldest son of the York family. It’s not surprising that many of you don’t know his given name. Zachary’s married and has a partner already but he still doesn’t let his friends bring young women to gatherings at his house.”

Lily asked with gossipy interest, “I heard his wife is an orphan and came from a farming village. How did he end up marrying her?”

“It was arranged by Old Mrs. York. That Hunt woman is indeed parentless. She does have a sister—they depended on each other for survival. Oh, right. Mrs. Stone is their aunt. They only found each other last year and because of that, Mrs. Stone even held a huge banquet and invited us to celebrate the reunion.”

Mrs. Lewis had the deepest impression of Liberty because Liberty was overweight. When she saw Liberty at the time, she was utterly disgusted in her heart.

She did not have much of an impression of Serenity, but she knew Zachary doted on Serenity the most.