

## Gu Lingfei: Married at First Sight Novel Chapter 1261

“Wouldn’t it be humiliating for me if I left just because you told me to? This isn’t your house. Are you paying the rent? If you are, I’ll go out immediately and never come back.”

Chelsea did not back down.

Jessica was young and used to sitting in an office. She had not much strength and simply could not compete with Chelsea.

Seeing that it was impossible to drive Chelsea out, Jessica turned and shouted angrily at her husband, “Hank Brown, can’t you see your sister is bullying me? Why aren’t you helping me to kick her out? I’m telling you now, between me and her, only one of us can stay in this house!”

“Chelsea. Jessica. Will you two just stop arguing? You might not get tired of fighting all day, but I’m sick of it.”

Hank was fed up with this state. He had no peace at home.

As soon as he got home, it was either his mother or sister quarreling with his wife—not a single day of peace.

Smack!

Jessica was so angry that she slapped Hank.

Hank was stunned by the slap. He clutched his cheek and stared at her in astonishment.

“I was really blind to think that I’d be happy after marrying you! You don’t know how to protect me even when your sister and mother bully me! I didn’t want you to pay so much for the bridal gift, so I stole my documents to get a marriage license with you, but this is how you repay me?”

Jessica beat her husband, but she felt more aggrieved than he did. Tears kept streaming down her face.

What kind of family was this?

What kind of husband was this?

At first, Hank would help her when her in-laws targeted her.

However, as time went on, he slowly sided with his parents and sister.

Well, in Hank's eyes, his parents and sister were his family. His wife was just an outsider who could not integrate into the Brown family!

At that moment, Jessica envied Liberty. Liberty divorced so easily and ended her misery.

Jessica thought that she could dominate her in-laws. Yes, she refused to be taken advantage of, but her in-laws were relentless as well, especially her sister-in-law. She had never seen such a vile sister-in-law. Chelsea had been married for almost two decades, but she was still interfering in her maiden family's affairs.

"You b\*tch, how dare you hit my brother when I can't even bear to hit him. I'll get even with you!"

Chelsea shrieked and swooped over to slap Jessica twice.

Jessica was caught off guard and slapped twice by her sister-in-law.

She only felt burning pain on both sides of her face. She was so furious that she lost all her rationality and tore into Chelsea.

Hank hurriedly tried to pull them apart.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, who had gone to sleep, were awakened by the noise in the living area.

The old couple woke up to see their daughter and daughter-in-law fighting, and their son failing to pull them apart. On the contrary, their son's actions caused their daughter to be at a disadvantage. The couple instinctively rushed to help Chelsea.

Before Liberty filed for divorce, the Brown family turned a blind eye to Hank and Jessica's affair. No one stood on Liberty's side. In fact, they felt that Hank was competent to pursue a woman like Jessica

The Browns were exceptionally kind to Jessica the first time she went to their house.

Jessica even told Hank that she could not understand why Liberty could not get along with his family. In her opinion, the Brown family was pleasant to get along with.

Now, she regretted it.

She followed in Liberty's footsteps and was completely blind.

She was blind to have married Hank. She was blind to think that the Brown family was easy to get along with. This family was the best at pretending. They were also the most shameless when it came to conflicts.

Jessica lost.

She lost miserably.

After her in-laws helped Chelsea, her face was beaten black and blue, and her clothes were torn by Chelsea. If Hank had not dragged her into the room and closed the door, Jessica felt like she would have been killed in this domestic violence.

“Just keep protecting her, Hank. She had the audacity to hit you, yet you’re still protecting her. Liberty would never treat you like that in the past.”

Chelsea was still swearing at the door.

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Hank yelled behind the door, “Shut up and go home, Chelsea! Don’t come here anymore. You’ll just cause trouble!”

Liberty was even more ruthless when she fought against his domestic violence. She chased him down several blocks with a kitchen knife.

Did Chelsea forget that?

Chelsea, who was scolded by her brother, yelled back furiously, “Yes, I’m a troublemaker. I just don’t like that b\*tch. My parents are here, so this is my home too. What has that got to do with her? I can come here whenever I want. It’s not like I’m eating out of her pocket or sleeping under her roof. If she’s capable, tell her to pay for her own house. I promise I won’t take a single step into her house!”

She wanted to make Jessica’s life a living hell!

Jessica lay on the ground and cried bitterly.

Except for the time when she was caught red-handed by Liberty and beaten up, she had never been so pathetic before.

She was physically and mentally hurt and felt extremely aggrieved.

Hank looked at her crying and felt both heartbroken and annoyed.

He thought Jessica was gentle, considerate, and understanding. Furthermore, she was young and beautiful. He thought they would be blissful if he married her.

Unexpectedly, the family turned into a mess after Jessica married him.

When he looked at Jessica now, he did not find her pretty, gentle, considerate, or kind. She became calculating and petty and did not get along with his family for his sake.

She could not even stand it when his nephew came over.

Furthermore, Jessica did not cook or do housework.

She was not as diligent as Liberty.

After a long time, Hank crouched and lifted his wife, before assisting her to sit on the bed. He fixed her messy hair and said gently, "Stop crying, honey. Our home will be done with renovation soon. Once the house and wedding are over, we'll move in and let my parents go back to their house."

"Hank..." Jessica burrowed into his arms and cried bitterly.

She wanted a divorce!

However, she could not get one yet.

If she divorced, she would have no reason to get close to Sonny. Her family was still being watched. If that unknown woman got upset, her family would be in trouble.

Jessica was terrified.

More than that, she was regretful.

If she had not interfered in Hank and Liberty's marriage, she would not be involved in this and implicated her parents, brothers, and sisters-in-law.

Maybe this was her retribution.

It was retribution for her meddling in someone else's marriage and being a homewrecker.

"I'm at fault. I was wrong," Hank embraced her and murmured.

Jessica did not dare divorce now for the sake of her family.

Hank was even more scared than she was to get a divorce.

He had already divorced once.

If he divorced again, he was afraid he would not be able to get another wife because his reputation was not good.

He used to be the brother-in-law of Mr. York, but he betrayed his marriage and divorced Liberty. Who knew how many people were waiting to see him make a fool of himself and live unhappily?

He could not divorce again!

Otherwise, everyone would laugh at him. They would laugh and say that he deserved it and that it was his retribution!

It was karma!

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Liberty did not care that her ex-husband was not living a good life after their divorce.

All that mattered was that she was happy.

At four in the morning, she woke her son up and brought him to All You Can Eat.

Another busy day began.

Sonny was still small and fell asleep along the way.

When they reached the store, Liberty put two chairs together to let her son sleep on them, and a few more chairs on his sides to prevent him from rolling over and falling to the ground.

The two assistants she hired came to work at six in the morning.

Usually, the breakfast rush hour would be from half-past six to half-past nine.

Serenity would come to pick up her nephew at seven.

Sonny would be awake by that time.

The little man was such a good boy and did not cry after waking up. He sat by himself at the cashier, playing with the set of blocks that he had not assembled yet.

“Liberty.”

Serenity called out to her sister as she entered. She lent a hand when she saw it was a full house at the diner.

“Did Zachary go to work?”

Serenity hummed and quickly grabbed a bowl for a customer.

“Liberty, has Sonny eaten?”

Liberty said, “Not yet. I was going to make him some pancakes, but we ran out of batter. Serenity, help me prepare another batch.”

She only made pancakes when there were orders for them, but she would prepare the batter in advance.

Serenity hummed.

Duncan entered at that moment.

“Liberty, Serenity.”

Duncan came in and greeted them, then looked around the store and smiled. “There are no empty seats.”

“Mr. Lewis, do you want to pack the food and bring it to eat in the office? Or you could wait for a table.”

Duncan said, “I’m not in a rush. I’ll wait.”

Then, he walked to Sonny.

“Dunc.”

Sonny was elated to see Duncan.

Duncan was flattered by the little boy’s glee.

“Hey, Sonny.”

When Duncan saw that Sonny was happy, he reached out to carry the boy.

However, Sonny said, “Dunc, help me put together the blocks. I don’t know how to piece them. My dad doesn’t know either.”

Duncan withdrew his hands. He went around the counter to pick him up instead and sat on a chair before placing Sonny on his lap.

“Your dad? When did your dad come?”

Hank could not stand it when his son mentioned Duncan, and likewise for Duncan. His nerves could not help but tense up when he heard Sonny bring up Hank.

Sonny said, "Dad came over last night. He bought me clothes, snacks, and toys. I asked him to help me piece the blocks, but he couldn't do it."

Duncan's dark eyes flickered at those words. Did Hank learn how to coax his son now?

In the past, Hank was only willing to pay half the amount of the baby formula Liberty bought for Sonny.

"Your dad is too dumb and doesn't know how to play with Lego. I'll teach you."

Duncan spoke warmly as he held Sonny and taught the little one how to assemble the plastic bricks. He asked softly, "Did your dad say anything to your mom when he came over?"

"Dad gave her a card. Dunc, let me tell you something."

Sonny spoke in a hushed tone. After glancing at Liberty twice and making sure that she was not looking at him, he whispered to Dunc, "My mom said that she and my dad are divorced."

Duncan nodded. "Yes, your parents are divorced, and your dad remarried."

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Sonny recalled Jessica's and his mom's explanation, but he still could not fully understand the meaning of his mom's words. He tilted his head and asked, "Dunc, are you married?"

"No, I don't have a spouse, so I'm not married."

"Why don't you have a spouse?"

"Because I don't have a woman I like."

Sonny blinked and asked curiously, "You don't like my mom? Also, my Aunt Ser and Aunt Elisa are very nice. Don't you like them too?"

Duncan was speechless.

He said in amusement, "Your Aunt Ser is very nice, but she already has your Uncle Zack. I can't like your Aunt Ser. Your Aunt Elisa is also very good, but I don't like her that way. She's not my type.

"As for your mom... I only think of her as my friend. I come over every day because Nike you."

Sonny seemed to vaguely understand the part where Duncan said he liked him.

He asked instinctively, "Do you want to marry me?"

Duncan froze. "Sonny, we're both boys, so we can't get married. Although I don't have a girlfriend yet, I'm a straight man and only like women."

"But you said you liked me."

"The way I like you is different from the way I like women."

"Isn't it the same? Why do you like me but not want to marry me?"

Duncan was speechless.

When faced with an innocent child who only had a hundred and one questions, Duncan found himself at a loss for words. He did not know how to explain it to Sonny.

"Sonny, you're still small. Let's discuss this when you're older, okay? Come on, I'll teach you how to piece the bricks."

He changed the subject.

Duncan made a mental note to himself—be careful with what was said to Sonny so he would not trap himself like he just did.

"Sonny, come have breakfast."

Serenity came over with a plate of pancakes and placed it on the counter, smiling, "Do you want me to feed you?"

"Go help your sister, Serenity. I'll feed Sonny."

"Sorry for the trouble, Mr. Lewis."

"It's no trouble as long as Sonny is willing to let me feed him."

However, Sonny refused to be fed by Duncan and wanted to eat by himself.



His mom said that she would send him to preschool in September, and that he would have to eat by himself in preschool.

“Serenity, I’d like some pancakes too. I’ll sit here and eat with Sonny.”

Duncan saw that there were still many customers in the store, so he asked Serenity to make him a plate of pancakes for him to eat with Sonny.

“Coming right up.”

Serenity turned around and went to make pancakes for Duncan. The business in the breakfast diner was booming; even Mrs. York was helping out.

Meanwhile, Duncan sat at the cashier’s desk digging into breakfast with Sonny. They looked like father and son.

This scene was witnessed by Lily and Mrs. Lewis.

They deliberately got up early to wait nearby for Duncan’s appearance and to confirm what was going on between him and Liberty.

As they watched the scene inside through the open glass door, Lily’s expression was fine, but Mrs. Lewis looked incredibly displeased.

Judging by how familiar Liberty’s son was with Duncan, she knew that the two met often.

Without her knowledge, Liberty and her son had gotten close to Duncan.

Mrs. Lewis was tempted to go inside.

However, she resisted.

Seeing that Duncan was about to come out, Lily hurriedly drove the car away.

“Lily, go to the office later to find Duncan. It doesn’t matter if you use business or private matters as an excuse. You have to hold onto him. Don’t let any random woman on the streets have the opportunity to steal him away,” Mrs. Lewis instructed.

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“You don’t need to care about Liberty, nor do you have to find her since it’ll make you appear as having no confidence. I’ll handle her. I’m Duncan’s mother. It’s normal that I can’t accept a divorcee as my daughter-in-law.”

Mrs. Lewis was afraid that Lily would go looking for trouble with Liberty and anger Duncan, causing him to dislike her.

She added, “From now on, just focus on pursuing Duncan. I’ll take care of Liberty for you.

“I’m Duncan’s mom. No matter what, Duncan won’t fight with me.”

Lily said while driving, “Mrs. Lewis, are you going to look for Liberty now? I think Duncan just treats her son well. He didn’t seem to pay much attention to Liberty. Maybe we’re overthinking.

“Maybe Duncan simply likes Liberty’s son? I also saw what the boy looked like. He looks smart and is utterly adorable. There’s also nothing strange about Liberty renting Duncan’s store to open a breakfast diner. As long as she pays the rent, she’s just a tenant.

“Furthermore, Liberty is Mr. York’s sister-in-law, and Mr. York and Duncan are good friends. Maybe Duncan is just looking after her for Mr. York’s sake.”

Lily was cautious about Liberty, but she was not as impulsive as Mrs. Lewis who could not wait to go up to Liberty and tell her to stay away from Duncan.

“You’re too nice, Lily. It’s best if Duncan and Liberty haven’t started anything. I’ll inquire about Liberty lest she tries to have any funny ideas. You don’t have to worry. I know what to do.”

Mrs. Lewis took out her phone and took a picture of Lily.

“Why are you taking a picture of me?”

Mrs. Lewis smiled. “Because I’ll be using it, of course. Find a studio to print these photos out. Don’t worry, I won’t harm you. Later, just drop me off at All You Can Eat, then you can head to Lewis & Co. to find Duncan.”

Lily hummed and accepted Mrs. Lewis’s arrangement.

When the store had only a few customers remaining, and her son leaving, as well as after Serenity departed with Sonny, only then Mrs. Lewis walked into All You Can Eat.

The diner was not big, but it was brightly decorated. Liberty and her two workers were diligent and cleaned up the store so that it was neat and tidy.

The environment was very important for a restaurant. If a customer came in and saw good hygiene, they would be willing to stay to eat. If the hygiene was poor, guests would turn around and walk out.

Liberty met Mrs. Lewis at a business banquet before.

She had just finished eating breakfast when she saw Mrs. Lewis entering. She quickly put down her spoon and walked toward the woman.

“Mrs. Lewis.”

Mrs. Lewis did not bother to look Liberty in the eye during the banquet, but she behaved well this time and smiled at her. “I was going to the office to find Duncan, but I saw you here and decided to come in.

“I heard from your aunt that you started your own business. Did you open this breakfast diner?”

Mrs. Lewis asked warmly, “How is business?”

Liberty invited Mrs. Lewis to sit down and was just about to pour her a cup of water when the woman stopped her. “There’s no need for that, Liberty. I’m not thirsty. I just came in to have a look.”

“Have you eaten, Mrs. Lewis?”

Mrs. Lewis hummed.

Liberty knew that Mrs. Lewis was very picky. Since Mrs. Lewis said that she had eaten, Liberty did not cook breakfast for her.

“Business isn’t bad. There are companies and factories nearby, so the staff come here for breakfast before they go to work. After the morning rush, those who finished graveyard shifts would then dine here.”

Liberty smiled and told Mrs. Lewis about how the store was doing.

Mrs. Lewis nodded. “You have a good eye for deciding to open a breakfast diner here, but it’s also thanks to your cooking skills. Otherwise, business wouldn’t be flourishing. There are also many eateries on this street.”

The competition was fierce, so the owners had to rely on their skills.

Liberty said modestly, "I just make simple dishes. I'm satisfied if business is good."  
"How much is the monthly rent for this store?" Mrs. Lewis asked seemingly casually.

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Liberty answered sincerely, "It's Mr. Lewis's lot and he said that he was going to charge me a cheaper rate since I am Zachary's sister-in-law. We settled on eight thousand a month for the rental and if you add the utilities and all that, then it comes down to just shy of ten thousand."

Mrs. Lewis was relieved to hear that her son had charged Liberty a proper rental—at least he was not giving the shop away as an act of charity.

Considering Liberty's relationship with Zachary, charging her eight thousand per month for rental was a reasonable and fair price.

"That brat is taking your money? You're Mr. York's sister-in-law, he should have the decency to let you use the lot without charging you a rental," Mrs. Lewis said this intentionally to elicit Liberty's reaction.

Liberty quickly explained, "At the end of the day, business is business and I don't think personal relations should play a part in it. I would not dare use the shop lot if he was not going to charge me rent at all."

"So he took the rental fee willingly when you gave it to him?"

"Yeah, I paid him cash last month. He counted it right in front of me to make sure that everything was in order before leaving. As for this month's rental, he instructed me to give the rent to his butler."

Upon hearing this, Mrs. Lewis wondered if her concerns were unwarranted.

If the boy did have feelings for Liberty, he probably would not have charged her rental in the first place.

"That child... Well, at least there's a lot of people coming and going around these parts of town so I'm sure your business can profit even after paying the rent." She suddenly added, "Speaking of which, where's your son?"

"Seren took Sonny to her place."

Mrs. Lewis hummed.

The mutual affection and support between the Hunts sisters was certainly something to admire.

“It must be very tiring to run a business. You’ve lost a lot of weight from what I can see.”

Mrs. Lewis eyed Liberty from head to toe as she said this. She observed that Liberty seemed considerably skinnier than when she first met her.

She had to admit that Liberty looked much better compared to her past self.

The main reason for her glow-up was the vibrant energy she exuded. She had turned into a greatly motivated and confident woman.

Based on her observation, Mrs. Lewis figured that it only made sense that her youngest son would catch feelings for Liberty as she was a completely different woman these days. Her son had always been fond of confident women who embraced their identity—just like Lily.

She thought that if she let her son spend more time with Lily, he would gradually develop feelings for Lily.

“It is a little exhausting, but I’m very disciplined and make sure I get my exercise in every day and watch my diet; that’s how I lost weight gradually. To be honest, I haven’t reached my weight loss target yet as I want to go down to a hundred pounds. So I still have about thirty pounds to shave off.”

Running the shop had demanded more of her energy but she persevered on her weight-loss journey nonetheless. Her efforts were paying off since she found herself losing weight faster than ever.

She weighed a hundred and thirty pounds now.

She just had to stick it out a little longer and she would reach her goal.

“Take it easy, it’s nice to keep a little weight around, you’ll age slower that way.”

Liberty remarked, “Based on my height, a hundred pounds is more or less an ideal weight.”

She had been far too skinny before marriage. Perhaps Mrs. Lewis had a point, especially considering she was in her thirties now, she should be wise to start taking some anti-aging measures.

Mrs. Lewis’s phone suddenly rang. When she reached for the phone in her pocket, a picture slipped out and fluttered to the ground.

Liberty picked it up for her instinctively and noticed the person in the picture. It was a young, charming, and beautiful lady.

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“Mrs. Lewis.”

After Liberty glanced at the picture, she handed it back to Mrs. Lewis.

After taking the photo, Mrs. Lewis asked Liberty with a warm smile, “Liberty, what do you think of this girl?”

She made a point of observing Liberty’s expression to see how she would respond.

Liberty gave her opinion candidly, “She looks beautiful and inspires a lot of confidence. I’d say she’s a very capable and independent woman, very trustworthy.”

Mrs. Lewis noted the calm demeanor in which Liberty answered and said, “You’re very good at reading people, aren’t you? I would agree that Lily here is an independent woman. After graduating from university, she joined her family’s company and started from the foundation, keeping her identity a secret the entire time.

“She climbed the ranks and is now the vice president of the company. It was only after she had been promoted to the top rung of the company that people found out that she was the chairman’s daughter and the younger sister of the president. She is a true prodigy and a daughter of a good friend of mine.”

After giving a brief introduction of Lily, Mrs. Lewis asked nonchalantly, “I’m planning to match her with my son, Duncan. Tell me, Liberty, do you think those two make a good pair?”

Liberty continued speaking her mind rather frankly, “Based on their respective background, it does sound like they would make a good match. I think it’s a good idea since they could collaborate in the workplace. As for looks, even though Duncan has had that accident, it should be fine once he has his scar fixed. He would look good next to Lily.”

“I think he would like Lily as well.”

Duncan had built up everything he had single-handedly. He would appreciate a self-made and independent woman. Based on Mrs. Lewis’s descriptions, it seemed to Liberty that Duncan would like this girl named Lily.

She thought it was rather intriguing that Mrs. Lewis was trying to match Duncan with the lady.

Mrs. Lewis noticed that Liberty had expressed her opinion with sincerity and made no attempts to conceal her thoughts. She was very natural the entire way through and it would appear that she had spoken her mind.

With that, she concluded that Liberty was not interested in Duncan!

Mrs. Lewis had a rather low opinion of Liberty and refused to ever consider the prospect of her son being together with Liberty. She maintained this opinion even though she had been steadily losing weight and regaining her previous charms. On top of that, she was building her business and was on track for success.

If she kept this up, she was going to start raking in profit and come out a successful businesswoman.

Even so, Mrs. Lewis did not respect Liberty's ungainly background. She was a divorced woman, burdened with a child—someone like her was not worthy of her son.

Nevertheless, she found it hard to acknowledge that Liberty had not developed feelings for her son, not even in the slightest.

She thought about Liberty's failed marriage. It had only been several months since her divorce and her situation seemed like it was trending upward at last. With this provided context, it would make perfect sense that another relationship was the last thing on Liberty's mind and that she had better things to pursue at the moment.

She came here intending to give Liberty a hard time, but her attempt ended up being not very fruitful. She found herself somewhat at a loss.

"I do think they make a good match as well, the problem is Duncan is always telling me how he's too busy with work and doesn't seem very receptive to my suggestion of him spending time with Lily. It's very troubling for me. He's already thirty-six, so he can't be said to be young and springy anymore. How am I, as his parent, not supposed to worry about his future?" Mrs. Lewis expressed with an exasperated sigh.

Liberty conveyed her sympathy and advised, "Mrs. Lewis, there's no way to rush these matters, and it's even worse to try to force it. For now, let Lily spend more time with Mr. Lewis and develop their relationship naturally. Things will progress faster eventually."

Mrs. Lewis spoke suddenly, "Lily's family name is Harmon, she's not from Wiltspoon but she came here to survey the market and get some investments underway. Their family is trying to expand their business by starting some small-scale businesses.

“I do think there are many opportunities for those two to see each other going forward, especially since Lily has several projects she’s interested in and plans to work with Duncan. I don’t know how things are progressing and frankly, I’m not concerned about the business side of things. I just hope Duncan spends more time with her.”

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After Mrs. Lewis said this, she asked Liberty, “Liberty, how often do you see Duncan? He’s good buddies with your brother-in-law so I figured you see him from time to time. If you have the chance, please help me persuade and convince him to see Lily, alright?”

Liberty smiled and assured her, “Mrs. Lewis, I’d be glad to help you out. Mr. Lewis is a wonderful person and I do see him now and then, but I’m not sure if I could influence him that much.

“He comes to my place for breakfast most mornings and likes to play with my son. Next time he comes over, I’ll try to put in a good word for Lily and sway him to see her more often.

“But I just have to tell you that there’s no guarantee, especially since our relationship for the most part is just that of a shop owner and a tenant. If you as his mother could not do much to sway him, I don’t think my words would have a much greater effect either.”

Mrs. Lewis considered this and said, “You make a good point. Still, if *he* shows up for breakfast tomorrow, have a quick chat with him and try to bring up Lily’s name. See what *he* thinks about her.

“I’m going to take Lily to Wiltspoon Hotel tomorrow, to attend the Marshalls banquet tomorrow night, I was hoping Duncan would join us.”

Duncan was going to attend the banquet as well, except he was going to attend by himself. He was not bringing a partner with him nor attending with his mother.

After all, he was largely a lone wolf out there and was rather detached from his family.

Most people saw him and his family as separate entities.

Liberty sympathized with how Mrs. Lewis was concerned about her son’s future. She decided she would do Mrs. Lewis a favor, especially considering the old lady’s relationship with her sister’s family and her aunt.

However, she knew better than to assure Mrs. Lewis that she could convince Duncan to attend the Marshalls’ banquet. She doubted she had that much influence over the man.



That was strictly between the pair of mother and son.

Around this point, a group of night-shift workers who had ended their shifts showed up to have breakfast. Mrs. Lewis promptly stuffed Lily's picture into her bag and rose to bid a curt farewell, "Liberty, I'll stop taking your time. You have a business to manage."

Liberty thoughtfully walked Mrs. Lewis to the entrance, smiling the entire time, "Be careful on your way home, Mrs. Lewis."

Mrs. Lewis waved goodbye to Liberty and approached a car.

She opened the door and burrowed inside before the car drove away in no time.

Liberty returned to the store to see to her customers after the car had driven off into the distance.

It was Lily who came to pick up Mrs. Lewis.

Things did not go smoothly with Duncan and there was still a lack of progress even at this point.

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Since Duncan was busy with work and had endless rounds of meetings every day, she only got to spend several minutes in his office before the secretary approached to inform her that Duncan had another meeting to attend.

Duncan apologized curtly to her and informed her to set up an appointment with his secretary if she wanted to further discuss the upcoming investments. That way, she would not end up wasting her time by making a fruitless trip to his office.

"Mrs. Lewis, how have you been doing?" Lily greeted kindly.

"Liberty doesn't fancy Duncan, does she? Did you tell her to back off?"

Mrs. Lewis expressed with a sigh, "No, it doesn't seem like it. I intentionally slipped your picture out of my pocket so she could see it before telling her I was planning to match you with Duncan. Her reaction seemed very genuine and it doesn't seem like she has any ulterior motives. "I'd say it's safe to say that she's not hatching any ideas about Duncan, at least not for now."

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Lily steered the wheel while remarking, "Which is why I said that the Hunt sisters have very good characters. Considering how Liberty's marriage had just fallen through, I doubt she would be looking for a new relationship so soon.

"The only thing she's focused on now is starting her business and making money. Another marriage has probably never even crossed her mind yet."

People who had experienced a failed marriage tend to be more vigilant when it came to founding a new relationship with another.

Since her mind was fixed on building a foundation for her business, romantic affairs should not concern her in the least. Mrs. Lewis stated, "If she dares to hatch any ideas about Duncan, I'll be the one chasing her out of the shop lot first. Don't even think about setting up her restaurant at our property. It *doesn't* seem like she's up to anything now but I still feel strangely suspicious about her, like something's going to happen between her and Duncan later on."

"You can deal with it when it happens, too much precaution can be a bad thing sometimes. Besides, you have to factor in that she's not all alone. Her sister is the lady of the York household so Liberty has the entire York family backing her. You've seen how Tania is so protective of Serenity even when she is not very fond of her."

Mrs. Lewis agreed with Lily's sentiments. "The Yorks have a close relationship with my family as well, so I certainly cannot brashly shove Liberty out the door just because I wanted to. Otherwise, I'll risk offending the Yorks. Also, Liberty's aunt, Mrs. Stone, is not someone I want to mess with."

Originally, Mrs. Lewis wanted to dissuade her son from renting the shop lot to Liberty for her diner as a means to keep their interaction at a bare minimum. That way, she could rest her worries about a relationship sparking between the two.

The way things were now, she would come off as rather unreasonable for doing so. Pulling off such a stunt would also anger the Yorks as well as the Stones. It might be quite unnecessary as well since it did not seem like Liberty was interested in Duncan.

It was simply not worth it.

However, it might be too late to spring to action only after something happened between Duncan and Liberty.

As a mother, Mrs. Lewis was well informed of Duncan's personality.

He would not rashly commit to a relationship, but once he did, you could assume that he was committed for life.

They stayed quiet for a while before Lily broke the silence, “Mrs. Lewis, let’s forget about trying to chase Liberty out. It’s not exactly easy for her to start a business as a newly–divorced woman. Besides, business seems good right now, and I wouldn’t want to get in the way of a mother trying to make ends meet for the sake of her son.

“And if something were to happen between Duncan and Liberty... Well, I suppose it will come down to a fair match between me and her for Duncan’s affection. And if I lose, then so be it. When

it comes to love, the strong doesn’t always come out on top—that’s the way it is.

“Every man has a different preference for a partner. Some are just desperate for a partner and can settle for any common lady while others prefer a strong character in the person they are going to spend the rest of their lives with to form the ideal power couple. We don’t know yet if Duncan is the former or latter type.”

Mrs. Lewis expressed with a sigh, “Lily, it’s admirable that you are staying true to your conviction. but just remember that I’m on your side.

“Liberty might not be hatching any ideas about Duncan right now but if she does fall in love with him later on, I will be the first to object to their marriage. She shouldn’t even think about joining my family. My son has not even had a girlfriend yet, so why should he be marrying a woman already burdened with a child?”

Lily smiled and said kindly, “Thank you, I will do my best and know that however this ends, I gave it my all.”

She was beaming with confidence.

“Lily, you don’t even know how fond I am of you. I truly hope things will work out between you and Duncan. I believe in you! I long for the day we become family.”

Lily smiled warmly.

A crew had come to deliver the hand–woven goods to Serenity again.

After inspecting the delivery and ensuring that there was no problem with the products, she settled the payment before issuing yet another new order.

After seeing the part–time crafters off, she put the handicraft into packages and called a courier to collect them.

Shortly after, the courier showed up to collect said packages. After the matter was settled, Serenity looked at the time and turned to Jasmine, “Jas, I’m taking Sonny to go shopping with me.”

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“See you.

Jasmine did not avert her eyes from the book she was reading the entire time. Serenity observed how intently she was reading and teased her, “Jas, you’ve probably read all the books lying around here enough times to recite them from memory. It’s a wonder to me that you’re still amused by the same books over and over.

“Why don’t you learn to write a novel? With your years of experience as a bookworm, I guarantee your work will be a hit that’s going to fly off the shelves. I promise you I’ll place your books in the most prominent spot.

“What do you say? Embark on your journey as a star author.”

Jasmine smiled and dismissed the idea, “I just enjoy reading, writing is not for me. I’m so lazy that the only thing that would motivate me to move at all is good food, but you’re expecting me to write an entire novel? Besides, do you think writing a book is easy as you make it out to be? Just coming up with the plot alone is going to make you pull your hair out.”

Serenity grabbed the car keys and the same wallet she had used for ages. Then, she took her dear nephew by the hand and prepared to go shopping for groceries.

She candidly noted to Jasmine, “Take inspiration from real life and write about the love affair between you and Mr. Bucham—a guaranteed hit right there.”

“Our relationship is too straightforward and boring. There were no unexpected twists and love rivals for me to talk about. On that note, your experiences with Zachary would make a good story, but I’m not going to write it. Why don’t you consider writing a biography?”

Serenity grinned, “I’m not interested in doing that either. I’m busy enough as is. Oh, by the way, I’m attending this banquet tomorrow with my man. Are you going as well?”

“Yeah, Josh has been telling me about it. Speaking of which, our engagement ceremony is coming up soon. You and Zachary must attend no matter what! It’s going to be set before May for sure. He had his family pick out the earliest date possible. I’ve never seen anyone in such a rush to get married.”

“That’s because he loves you very much. He can’t wait to marry you and take you home to pamper you.”

Jasmine chuckled, Josh was certainly very fond of her..

Their relationship had always been very stable. There was never any kind of dramatic disagreements, and they always kept it plain and simple. It seemed to be working out for the loving couple and their marriage was going to turn out more than just fine.

“We’re leaving, see you later.”

Serenity took her nephew with her and ordered the two bodyguards to stay at their posts in the bookshop.

She knew that other undercover bodyguards were tailing her and keeping her safe, so she figured

it would be fine to leave two bodyguards at the bookshop.

As soon as Serenity left, Elisa showed up.

When she was told that Serenity had left to buy groceries, she remarked, “She’s the heralded lady of the Yorks now but it seems like nothing’s changed for her—it’s the same old routine.”

“This says a lot about Zachary’s affection for Seren, doesn’t it?” Jasmine pointed out, “He knows the exact kind of life she wants to live and lets her do as she wants. He’s not trying to force her to change or anything like that.”

Elisa thought about it for a second and found herself agreeing with this.

“Did she take Sonny with her?”

“Yeah.”

“I came here for Sonny! I was going to take him back to my house to play. Alice has been throwing up more often lately and do you know what my brother has been saying? He says that she should get an abortion after seeing how much pain the pregnancy has been causing her.”

“That’s crazy! He’s going on about how Alice wouldn’t be able to handle the pregnancy! So over the last two days, I’ve been going back and forth with him about this. He keeps saying that having a baby is not the novel experience it’s made out to be. That’s why I’m going to bring Sonny over, so he’ll change his mind once he sees how cute the boy is.”

Jasmine asked cautiously, “Does your sister-in-law plan to get an abortion too?”

Clive and Alice had been married for many years and were finally having a child together. The Stones and Lafayettes have been waiting eagerly for them to produce offspring for years.

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