

## Gu Lingfei 991

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Elisa remarked with a smile, "No one is asking you to run in those heels."

Serenity stole a glance at her aunt's face before putting on the stilettos. Grabbing Elisa's hand, she stood up and took a few steps. She was tempted to kick the stilettos off her feet.

Oh, how she longed for her house loafers.

"Wear these heels down the stairs and walk a few rounds on the front lawn. We can

leave when you feel comfortable in them.”

Audrey was so focused on picking outfits and shoes for Serenity the other day that she forgot to let Serenity practice wearing the heels.

Serenity quietly stuck her tongue out. Without defying Aunt Audrey’s orders, she cautiously strutted out of the room.

“I’ll go with Seren, Mom.”

Taking pity on Serenity, Elisa merrily went with her cousin.

Once out of the room, Elisa gave Serenity a sympathetic look as the latter clung to the barrister and walked. Elisa commented, “You asked for it. You could’ve asked anyone for help, but you sought guidance from my mother. My mom is all about etiquette. She could probably work for the Queen. She probably will tell you to start over if you don’t do a good job.”

Serenity was lost for words.

Who else could she look for, if not Aunt Audrey?

If she were to go with Zachary, Zachary would dote on her so much and be cool with her leaving home in her loafers.

“It’s still hours before the event anyway. You can take your time to practice.” Elisa added with a smile, “I’ll be here with you.”

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Elisa stared at the message for a long time but did not reply.

She accompanied Serenity in the yard so the latter could walk naturally.

After wobbling to the gate of the villa, Elisa suddenly realized that several luxury cars were parked at the gate of the large villa next door. Her old neighbors had moved away more than a decade ago, and they sold the villa to pay off their debts.

Elisa wanted her mother to buy the neighboring villa and connect it with their own villa, but when her mother contacted the old neighbors, they told her that the villa had been sold.

The mother and daughter were too late. Clive was the first to know, but even he was too slow to act.

Elisa had grumbled to her mother, "Who snatched it up so quickly? I can't believe that person was quicker than our family."

Seeing so many luxury cars parked there at the moment, Elisa guessed that her new neighbor had come to see the house.

Since the villa was bought, the other party would definitely renovate it and have its design changed.

"What are you looking at, Elisa?" Serenity leaned in and asked curiously.

"That large villa was recently sold, so I wanted to know who bought it. My family wanted to buy it, but we were one step too late. That person was quick. If they have so much money, why didn't they buy a new villa or buy land to build a villa themselves?"

Elisa felt regretful that she did not manage to buy the neighboring villa.

"Wiltspoon is already completely developed. It's hard to buy good land to build your own villa, and the small villas in other neighborhoods can't be compared to large villas like the one you're living in."

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All the villas in this area were large units. They were most likely built by wealthy people who seized the chance to get a good section of land in Wiltspoon when it had just started developing.

Rich people who could not buy a good section of the land but wanted to live in larger villas usually bought a few small villas, then connected and renovated them into one. large villa.

Elisa was silent, then said, "That's true. That's why many people wanted to buy that villa when word got out that my neighbor wanted to sell it."

A group of people came out of the villa.

"It's him!"

Elisa was sharp-eyed and recognized at a glance that the person who came out while being flanked by several men in black was Remy.

Serenity looked over again before finally remembering. "Isn't that Mr. Johnson from Annenburg?"

"He already has a house in Wiltspoon. Why did he buy another? He even spent so much money to buy my neighbor's villa. Most importantly, he was quicker than us and bought the villa before we could."

Elisa muttered, "Does he plan to settle down in Wiltspoon?"

Remy was only responsible for FC & Co.'s business in Wiltspoon and would often return to Annenburg where his home was.

He had a house in Wiltspoon, but it was just a villa. He did not buy any other real estate. However, that was normal. After all, he was from Annenburg and would return to that city.

Elisa was grumbling because Remy suddenly bought a large villa spanning more than an acre.

Serenity said, "Isn't it normal for rich people like them to have many properties under their name? My husband gave me a whole bunch of keys and property deeds for me to keep."

She did not accept when Zachary wanted to give her all his property, so she did not count how many property deeds he had. In any case, it was a whole stack of papers. The multiple keyrings with all the house keys were enough to make a small hill.

Elisa paused. "You're right..."

Remy came out of the large villa and was just about to get into the car to leave when a bodyguard whispered something to him. He turned around and saw Elisa and Serenity. After a slight hesitation, he came up to the two ladies.

Since Remy walked over, Elisa opened the villa's door and watched him approach with a smile.

"We meet again, Mr. Johnson."

Remy smiled back. "Yes, we meet again."

He nodded in greeting toward Serenity. "Hello, Mrs. York."

"Mr. Johnson," Serenity greeted him.

Elisa asked, "Did you buy that villa, Mr. Johnson?"

"Yes, I did."

“You’re very well informed. We’ve been neighbors with the Zimmers for more than ten years, so we thought we were the first ones to receive the news, but when our family tried to buy the villa from them, we were told that it was already sold. I was wondering who bought it, though I didn’t expect it to be you.”

Remy laughed and said, “I bought Zimmer Corp. After finding out that Mr. Zimmer wanted to sell his villa to pay off his debt, I came back with him to take a look and decided to buy it. Now that you’ve said that, I’m glad I acted quickly. If I had hesitated, the villa would have fallen in your hands instead.”

Elisa grinned. “We’re neighbors from now on. You’ll be renovating the villa, right?”

“Yes, I will. I’m not a fan of the current interior design, so I’ll hire a designer to come over and make new plans for the layout.”

“I didn’t think you would want to redecorate.”

Remy said, “There’s nothing wrong with redecorating a house you just bought.”

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Remy’s eyes looked deeply at Elisa, and he said, “Buying a house is an important matter and has to be taken seriously. I spent a lot of money buying the villa, so of course I have to change it to fit my tastes. I’ll only be able to live comfortably here if I like the design.”

Elisa remembered that her family also hired a famous interior designer to come over and tailor the villa according to their tastes. Thus, her family lived here happily over the years.

She said in understanding, “You’re right. Since we’ll be neighbors in the future, why don’t you come in for a cup of tea?”

Remy did not refuse Elisa’s offer and followed her and Serenity into the house.

Clive and his wife were still sitting on the sofa in the living hall. Audrey was there too, concernedly asking her daughter-in-law about something. When she heard the sound of her daughter talking with an unfamiliar man, she looked at the door and saw her daughter and niece inviting a young man inside.

Clive saw Remy and stood up. He took a few steps forward and greeted Remy with a smile, saying, “The wind must be quite strong today to have blown you all the way here, Mr. Johnson.”

Remy laughed. “Yes, only very strong winds can move me.”

The two men knew each other but were not exactly friends.

FC & Co. were partners with York Corporation, so Remy, Zachary, and Josh were good friends in real life as well as in business. However, York Corporation and Stone Group were at odds with each other, so Remy and Clive were just nodding acquaintances. They were not close.

Audrey heard of Remy and had met him once before, but only from afar. They never spoke face-to-face, so she could not recognize him at first.

It was only after hearing her son’s greetings did she realize who Remy was.

“Hello, Mrs. Stone.”

Remy greeted Audrey politely when Clive and Elisa invited him to sit down.

Audrey smiled and asked him to have a seat.

“Sorry for disturbing you.”

Audrey laughed. “It’s no trouble.”

“Mr. Johnson was the one who bought the Zimmers’ villa. He’ll be our new neighbor from now on.”

Audrey and Clive were surprised to hear that. Clive smiled and said, “So it was you, Mr. Johnson. You’re better informed than we are.”

He heard that the special assistant of FC & Co. was like Josh, who specialized in collecting information. Remy was the ideal son-in-law candidate for the Houston family, which was similar to the Bucham family.

“I bought Mr. Zimmer’s company,” Remy said.

Clive was struck by a realization.

No wonder Remy moved faster than the Stone family—it was because he bought the Zimmers’ company.

The maid served pastries and tea.

Remy politely took a sip and put down the teacup. He did not touch the pastries.

Serenity was observant and realized that Remy was like Zachary. They both did not like sweets.

Remy did not stay for long. He only came in to greet the others when Elisa invited him in. After all, they would be neighbors in the future. They would be living very close to each other.

He declined the Stones’ offer for him to stay for dinner and got up to leave. Elisa took the initiative to see him off.

#### **Chapter 994 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

“Mom, Clive, do you feel that Elisa and Mr. Johnson are familiar with each other?”

Alice spoke a little earlier. She was just listening and observing.

Her little sister-in-law was proud and arrogant, and very few men were able to catch her attention.

She was infatuated with Zachary for many years to the point where her eyes and heart were filled with him. It was Alice’s first time seeing Elisa treat a man who was not Zachary so well.

Serenity explained, “Elisa and Mr. Johnson met several times. She said that the first time they met was on the road. She blocked his way, but he gave way out of courtesy.”

Audrey said faintly, “Mr. Johnson is an exceptional man. The men from his family are as good as the men from the York family. They just live too far away.”

Everyone fell silent.

Serenity also thought about whether Elisa and Remy would become a couple. Then, she remembered that Remy lived in Annenburg. Audrey only had one daughter and could not bear to let Elisa marry somewhere far.

She stopped thinking about it.

If a spark ignited between Elisa and Remy, they would overcome their problems by themselves. Compared to what Zachary and she faced, what Elisa and Remy had to deal with could not be considered problems.

Remy suddenly spent a fortune to buy the house next to the Stone family's villa and went from being miles away to becoming neighbors. Now, they were just separated by a wall.

After seeing Remy off, Elisa went back to her house and said, "Mom, Seren can walk naturally now. Let's go."

Audrey asked Serenity to get up and take a few steps to show her. After making sure that Serenity was able to walk naturally, she stood up. Alice followed suit, picked up the delicate clutch from the side, and handed it to her mother-in-law.

"Have a good rest at home, Alice. Although you're still in the early stages of pregnancy and your movements aren't affected yet, you still have to be careful. Rest well and let Clive stay with you. I'll bring Elisa and Seren out now."

"I'll take care, Mom. Have fun."

Alice winked at Serenity and Elisa but regained her gentle expression when her mother-in-law looked at her. With her husband, she personally sent the ladies out the door.

The banquet tonight was hosted by the Dowlings. It was the eighteenth birthday of the family's eldest daughter, so they were celebrating with a birthday banquet.

On the way there, Audrey asked Serenity questions about the Dowling family. She was satisfied when Serenity managed to answer everything perfectly. "Seren, your memory is much better than Elisa's. She doesn't remember anyone she meets."

"That's because I can't be bothered to remember. Why should I remember people I don't get along with?"

Audrey reached out to poke her daughter's forehead. "See, that's exactly what I meant. You won't be able to get married if you don't change that temper of yours."

"If can't get married, I'll stay with you and dad for the rest of my life."

Serenity laughed. "Elisa is fine the way she is. I like her character very much."

Elisa did not need to be smooth and slick. With the amount of confidence she had, she did not have to try currying favor with other people.

"You two... I can't be bothered to nag you."

Audrey said the words of admonishment with a smile on her face. She was happier than anyone else that her only daughter could get along with her niece.

“Aunt Audrey, I’ll be going back home this weekend.”

Audrey did not ask why Serenity was going back and simply said, “Wait for me. I’ll go over there with your Uncle Darrell.”

“Okay. Zachary and I will probably leave after breakfast. I have to buy truckloads of bricks and gravel and travel tomorrow to bring them back. I’ll tell them that I want to renovate my parents’ house or rebuild it.”

Audrey was an intelligent person and knew that Serenity was officially declaring war on her grandparents. Her fight for her parents’ inheritance had just begun.

### **Chapter 995 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

It was fine for Old Mr. Hunt and his wife to live in Serenity’s house, but they wanted to give John the house left behind to the sisters by their parents. That was why Serenity and her sister decided to go to court.

The house was built by their parents, and the name on the land deed was their father’s name. According to inheritance law, John had no right to inherit the house.

The two sisters were still alive!

“Do you know where to buy bricks and gravel?” Audrey asked with concern.

“I got in touch with Ms. Deli the last time I went back. I called her to ask. Her family just rebuilt their house last year, so I got the number of a contractor who transports bricks for her. I can get a truckload of bricks sent to me this weekend itself.”

Serenity always thought of getting her parents’ house back.

In the past, her sister and she did not have the ability.

Now that they did, they naturally wanted to take action. At first, the sisters thought that if their grandparents wanted to live in the house, they would let them stay there until they passed away in their old age. Then, the sisters would take over the house and leave it to their children and grandchildren.

However, they were too naive. When their grandparents drove them away, the old couple had already made preparations to take over the house and pass it on to their own children and grandchildren.

That year, her granddad drove the sisters out while screaming, “Your father is my son. Since my son died, it’s only natural that everything he left behind belongs to me, his father. It’s his final way to show respect to me as my son.

“If you two were boys, I would raise you no matter how tiring it was and leave your father’s house to you, but you’re just girls. Don’t even think of inheriting my son’s house!

“What’s the use of girls? Girls will just marry into another family when they grow up. How can I let outsiders inherit the house that my son worked so hard to build?”



In the old man's heart, daughters had no stake in the family property. Scott only gave birth to two daughters and no sons. Thus, after his death, the house should be given to his nephew to inherit. At least then, the house would still belong to the Hunt family instead of outsiders.

Serenity remembered clearly what her granddad had said. "Go take the family property of your in-laws if you're capable. You sisters have nothing to do with the Hunts' property, so don't even think about it."

There were indeed unwritten rules in the countryside, where rural houses would be left to the son. If the family was well-off and loved their daughter, they could buy a house for their daughter outside.

Families who did not give birth to sons either made their son-in-law marry into the family or gave the house to a nephew instead.

In the past, families with only daughter's usually passed down the house over to a nephew, but times were different now, and people's thinking was evolving. Even if there was no son in the family, they could still leave the family property to their daughters.

People who did not share the sentiment would echo what the older generation say and pass on the property to their nephews, hoping that their nephews would take care of them in their old age.

Serenity thought that those old-fashioned thoughts were dumb. If those parents could not even depend on their own daughters, how could they depend on their nephews?

Their nephews had parents of their own, and they would have wives and children too. They might have difficulty in supporting their own parents. How would they take into account their uncles?

The sisters were going back to fight for the property left behind by their parents. They were also declaring war on the old-fashioned way of thinking and fighting for all the other daughters out there!

"Okay, it's fine if you've arranged everything. If you need help, then tell me and I'll find out for you," Audrey said. Then, after thinking of Zachary, she added, "But with Zachary with you, I don't have to worry."

At the mention of Zachary, Serenity could not help but send him a message and ask what he was doing.

He quickly replied to her: [I'm missing you.]

Serenity was speechless.

She could not suppress her smile, but she did not dare to laugh aloud.

[We're on our way to the Dowlings' house now.]

## **Chapter 996 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

Zachary: [So late? Did you manage to walk in the stilettos?]

Serenity was stunned and asked: [How did you know I was wearing stilettos?]

She was wearing flats when she left the bookstore.

Zachary replied honestly: [Elisa took a video of you walking and sent it to me. Thank you, Seren. You're really working hard.]

[Thank you for willing to try to fit into my circle for my sake.]

Serenity was a laid-back person and usually dressed for comfort. However, she was changing for him. The hardships she had to face broke his heart, yet he was grateful for it. He vowed to spoil her for the rest of his life.

Serenity: [So Elisa betrayed me. I must have looked funny walking in heels. I keep wanting to throw them away. Sandals are way more comfortable.]

The people in Wiltspoon usually walked around in sandals.

[We met Mr. Johnson and invited him to sit down, so we left a little later.]

Serenity answered her husband's earlier question.

Zachary was a little surprised and asked: [How did you meet Mr. Johnson?]

Serenity: [He bought the large villa next to Aunt Audrey's house. We bumped into him while he brought an interior designer to look at the house, so Elisa invited him in for tea. After all, they'll be neighbors in the future.]

The couple communicated through text, so Serenity boldly told her husband her speculation.

[Zachary, I think Mr. Johnson bought the Zimmers' villa because he wants to be neighbors with Elisa.]

When her hand was injured and Elisa accompanied her to the hospital for an IV drip, Remy was there too because of a bad stomach.

Remy had been cradling his stomach weakly, but the moment he saw Elisa, he immediately straightened up, raised his head, and pretended to be fine.

It was because he did not want Elisa to see him so listless.

He cared about what Elisa thought of him.

Back then, Serenity already thought Remy was interested in Elisa. However, Elisa had just given up on Zachary, so she did not dare ask questions and simply watched silently from the side.

Now, Remy bought the Zimmers' villa and became neighbors with the Stones.

Serenity could not help but speculate that it was because Remy was preparing for the future.

Since they would be living in close proximity, there would be more chances to get closer still.

Zachary was not interested in who Elisa ended up with as long as she stopped pestering him.

He replied to his beloved wife: [Remy is a good man.]

"Seren, who are you texting? Your phone is vibrating nonstop."

Elisa suddenly leaned over, and Serenity quickly said, "It's nothing. I'm just chatting with Zachary and asking what he was doing."

Hearing that Serenity was messaging Zachary, Elisa sat upright and teased, “You two just made up, and you’re already showing off your love in front of us. You’ll make us jealous if you keep acting all lovey–dovey.”

Audrey and Serenity said in unison, “If you’re jealous, then hurry up and find a boyfriend.”

Elisa was speechless. She forgot that her mother was also in the car.

### **Chapter 997 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

When they arrived at the Dowlings’ home, the entrance of the villa was open.

The large lawn in front of the house was beautifully decorated, and there were many guests holding tall glasses and chitchatting in groups.

With Audrey’s status, the Dowling family was notified the moment her car appeared in front of the villa.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowling immediately brought their children over to give their greetings.

When the car was parked at a spot designated by the servant, Mr. Dowling approached with his wife and children.

He personally opened the car door for Enter title... Audrey and said with a smile, “Mrs. Stone.” Audrey got out of the car with grace.

“Mr. Dowling,” she responded with a smile.

Mrs. Dowling greeted Audrey with her son and daughters.

The Dowling family had two daughters and one son.

The youngest was their son, who was only eight years old this year.

He was chubby and fair but was courteous and greeted Audrey politely according to how his mother taught him.

Elisa and Serenity got out of the car and walked over to Audrey’s sides, flanking her like a pair of sisters.

Elisa was famous in the high society of Wiltspoon not only for her temper but also because she was the only one who dared to openly confess her love for Zachary and pursue him.

In fact, Zachary had many admirers, but none of them had Elisa’s courage.

“Ms.

Stone, you get prettier every time I see you,” Mrs. Dowling complimented Elisa.

She was aware that Audrey loved her only daughter the most, so praising Elisa had the same effect as pleasing Audrey.

Sure enough, Audrey’s smile brightened up.

“Your two daughters are also very lovely, Mrs. Dowling.

They took the best of your husband’s and your features.

I remember the last time I saw your eldest daughter.

She was still a little girl in pigtails.

Now, she has become a young lady in the blink of an eye.

You're very blessed, Mrs. Dowling." Maya, the eldest daughter of the Dowlings, blushed at the compliment.

'Who is this, Mrs. Stone? She looks familiar.'" Mrs. Dowling looked at Serenity and felt that she had seen the young lady before, but she could not remember from where.

Audrey introduced Serenity with a smile, "This is my niece, Serenity Hunt.

She happened to be out of Wiltspoon due to an urgent matter the last time my family held a banquet, so I couldn't introduce her to everyone."

Serenity Hunt? Mr. and Mrs. Dowling were both shocked.

It was the missus of the York family! After Zachary's interview, everyone in Wiltspoon knew that his wife's name was Serenity Hunt.

However, her photo was not published, so people could not put a face to the name.

Some remembered the news about her that went viral a while back and tried finding it again, but all the photos had been deleted.

Besides, the photos on the post back then were from more than ten years ago when Serenity was still a little girl.

Women change a lot after growing up, so the current Serenity looked different from how she did in her childhood.

"Mrs. York, it's an honor to meet you." The smile on Mr. Dowling's face grew bigger as he extended his right hand to shake hands with Serenity.

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"Sorry for imposing, Mr. Dowling.1 After all, Mrs. Dowling did not send her an invitation.

She came here because her aunt brought her.

Mrs. Dowling smiled.

"Nonsense, you're not imposing.

It's our honor to have you here, Mrs. York." Serenity was holding the birthday gift that Audrey had prepared for Maya.

She handed the gift to Audrey, who took it and then passed it to Maya.

She said with a smile, "Happy birthday, Ms.

Dowling." Enter title... Mrs. Dowling quickly said, "Just call her Maya, Mrs. Stone.

We're very happy that you came to Maya's birthday party.

You didn't have to get her a gift." She gestured for her daughter to accept the present.

The gift was a set of jewelry.

Maya took the birthday present and thanked Audrey.

Since Audrey only brought her daughter and niece and did not bring her husband, Mr. Dowling asked his wife to accompany them with her two daughters while he went to entertain the other guests.

Mrs. Dowling warmly welcomed Audrey and the two cousins into the house.

As they walked, everyone saw how respect was mixed with Mrs. Dowling's enthusiasm.

In fact, it seemed that Mrs. Dowling was especially respectful to a young woman standing beside Audrey.

Many people said that Serenity was not worthy of Zachary, but Mrs. Dowling thought differently.

Whether or not Serenity was worthy of Zachary, she was already Zachary's legal wife and the missus of the York family.

Zachary only exposed Serenity's identity as his wife because he doted on her.

Serenity was able to become Zachary's beloved woman, so her status as Mrs. York was firm as a mountain.

The elders of the York family had always been known for being open-minded.

When they heard that Serenity was chosen by Old Mrs. York, no one would dare disrespect Serenity even if she was a beggar.

Therefore, Mrs. Dowling did not dare to underestimate Serenity or disrespect her.

Serenity was the missus of the York family and was the wife of the future head of the family.

She was the most respectable woman in Wiltspoon.

Mrs. Dowling did not try to build a friendship with Serenity since they had an age gap.

She only hoped that she could make a favorable impression in front of Serenity.

Furthermore, it was good for her eldest daughter that Serenity showed up for her birthday banquet.

The prestige the Dowlings earned would be helpful for them for a long time.

'There are two young ladies beside Mrs. Stone.

One of them is Ms.

Stone, but who's the other one? Mrs. Dowling is very respectful to her." "I'm not sure.

I've never seen her before." "Me neither.

Could she be Mrs. Stone's daughter-in-law?" "We've all seen her daughter-in-law before.

Oh, could she be her second daughter-in-law?" The people speculated about Serenity's identity and exchanged whispers.

Just then, two women came out of the house.

Someone went over and asked the older woman, "Mrs. Newman, do you know who that woman beside Mrs. Stone is? Did you hear Mrs. Dowling introduce the identity of that woman when you were inside the house?" Everyone knew everyone else in this circle, so they all wanted to know who Serenity was since she was a new face.

Mrs. Newman said indifferently, "She's just a country bumpkin.

Does she really think she can climb the social ladder and join the elites?" The crowd was silent.

Mrs. Newman's youngest daughter answered in a disdainful tone, "She's Serenity Hunt." The others exclaimed, "The missus of the York family!" Mrs. Newman still looked indifferent, but there was a hint of disdain in her tone.

"Like I said, she's just a country bumpkin who somehow got lucky enough to marry into the York family.

Mr. York married her without even hosting a wedding banquet.

Who knows what tricks she played to get her way?" The people around only felt that Mrs. Newman was being jealous.

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Mrs. Newman did not care what people thought of her and continued to say, "Mrs. Stone and Ms. Stone are really magnanimous.

Their ideal son-in-law was stolen away by some niece, but Mrs. Stone is still able to bring Serenity out and introduce her to everyone." If it were Mrs. Newman, she would not be able to do it.

No matter how close a niece was, how could a niece compare to a daughter? Someone rebuked Mrs. Newman and said, "You should be careful with your words, Mrs. Newman.

Mr. York never accepted Ms.

Stone's feelings or promised her anything.

It was all Ms.

Stone's wishful thinking.

However, it's true that Ms.

Enter title... Stone is magnanimous.

She was in love with Mr. York, but she could let go of him when she found out that he was married.

Furthermore, she generously sent her blessings to the couple.

It really changed my perception of her.

“You can say all that in front of us, but don’t talk about Mrs. York’s identity elsewhere.

Mr. York isn’t someone your family can afford to offend.” Mrs. Newman opened her mouth to say something, but in the end, she choked on her words and did not continue to argue with the other ladies.

She was a laughingstock in this circle because she married her brother-in-law.

Her late husband was the younger brother of her current husband.

They had a daughter together, but he committed suicide by jumping off a building due to depression when their daughter was two years old.

Later, she remarried, to her brother-in-law.

After marrying her brother-in-law, she went from being the second missus to the eldest missus of the Newman family.

When her in-laws passed away, her husband became the head of the family.

However, she became a joke that many people talked about because she married her late husband’s brother.

After her remarriage, she gave birth to another daughter and son.

The daughter she had with her late husband, Camryn, lived like a nobody in the Newman family.

It was said that Camryn was treated worse than a servant.

Furthermore, she became blind because of an illness when she was sixteen, which made her even more annoying.

Even her biological mother treated her as invisible and left her to fend for herself.

She never brought Camryn out to social events.

Everyone knew of the second daughter of the Newmans, but no one knew about Camryn.

It was said that Camryn opened a flower shop in order to survive while being blind.

She earned a small income every month to sustain herself, but her halfsister often caused trouble for her.

There was a saying that if a child followed their father after a divorce, the father would gradually neglect the child after he had more children with the new wife.

For Camryn, it was the other way around.

Her uncle and stepfather never treated her well in the first place, and her mother treated her increasingly worse in order to appease her stepfather.

Serenity did not know that Mrs. Newman was prejudiced against her.

She followed her aunt to meet many ladies.

Compared to the younger ladies, the women who had husbands and children of their own were friendlier to her.

There were also many people who looked down on her, but no one dared say anything in front of her because of Audrey.

At most, they would ignore her.

After staying in the house for half an hour, Elisa got tired of dealing with those people and pulled Serenity out of the house to walk around the yard.

It was still the most crowded area here.

In this circle, Elisa was recognized for being arrogant and condescending.

No one dared come forward when they saw Elisa come out.

Elisa pulled Serenity to the edge of the lawn to sit down on two chairs.

They were away from the crowd but could still take in everyone's movements.

"How do you feel, Seren?" Elisa swirled the glass of wine in her hand and asked Serenity with a tilt of her head.

Serenity leaned back in her chair lazily and said with a light smile, "It's fine.

I exchanged a few more words with those who are friendly to me, and I didn't bother with those who disdain me and look down on me.

"Although I haven't been active in this social class for long, it's not my first time experiencing this.

I know many ladies here, but they don't know me.

I've seen how they act in the past, so I know clearly what kind of people they are."

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"After spending half an hour in the house, the most I gained was a name card." Elisa laughed.

"That sounds about right.

Everyone is in it for profit.

Who would want to care about you if there was nothing to gain? What do you want to eat? I'll go get you some food." "I saw some delicate pastries earlier.

They look delicious.

Bring some for me.

I ate a little at the store, so I'm not that hungry." Serenity had a sweet tooth and wanted to try some of the exquisite snacks.

Enter title... In the past, when she accompanied Jasmine and Aunt Rachel to parties, Jasmine and she would just hide in the corner to eat and drink.



She liked the pastries the most.

They were always much better than the ones she got from stores.

“Sure.” Elisa placed her glass of red wine on the small table in front of her and got up to help Serenity get food.

A while later, she returned empty-handed, but she was followed by two maids working for the Dowlings.

The maids held trays with the food that Elisa had picked out for Serenity and herself.

“Leave them here for me, thanks.” The two maids put down the trays, excused themselves, and turned around to serve the others.

The two cousins hid in the corner, eating and drinking.

No one dared come over to disturb them either, mainly because Elisa had a bad temper.

She would not show any respect if a person she did not look favorably upon approached her, and no one could afford to be humiliated on an occasion like this.

“Seren.” Elisa suddenly nudged Serenity and gestured for her to look at a girl who was standing in another corner.

The girl fetched a packet of something from her delicate purse and poured it into her glass of wine.

Then, she turned around and walked back into the crowd as if nothing had happened.

She did not notice Elisa and Serenity the entire time, so she did not know that her movements were being watched.

“What did she add to the drink?” Elisa said, “Probably some kind of drug.

It’ll dissolve in the wine, and the taste of wine will cover it up, so the person drinking it won’t be able to tell that it was spiked.

I wonder who her target is.

She must be trying to incur the Dowlings’ wrath by doing something like this at Ms.

Dowling’s birthday party.” “I think we bumped into her when we first arrived.

Her last name is Newman, right?” “I don’t remember.

I never bother with people like them.

I only came tonight to accompany you, otherwise my mom and I wouldn’t have shown up.” She was doing it all for Serenity.

Serenity laughed.

“I’ll knit you some small animals when I have the time.

What animals do you want? I’ll gift them to you.” “I want all of the twelve zodiac signs.” “Sure.

Give me some time and I'll send them to you after I'm done.

But make sure not to show them off.

Zachary is a petty person and will get jealous." Zachary was jealous by nature.

Elisa laughed.

"Just be happy with what you got.

You don't know how many people want to experience his domineering side." "Yeah, yeah, I'm happy with what I have now.

"I wonder who Ms.

Newman will give that cup of wine to."