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“Good luck. Let’s see if you can marry Camryn by this year.”

Callum said confidently, “I’ll definitely make you a mother-in-law by this year.”

“All right, go back to work. I’m going to your uncle’s place.”

Callum hummed and waited for his mother to hang up.

After Rosella finished talking to her son, she got up and left.

The three sisters-in-law were very close and were like actual sisters. When they heard that Zachary and Serenity were back, Rosella and her other sister-in-law, Sasha, went over to Tania’s place.

The house was bustling with liveliness,

Of course, the most popular person was the sweet and dashing Sonny.

Rowan wanted to take Sonny out to fly a kite, saying that it was windy today. The best place to fly a kite was on the lawn.

Zachary asked him, “Have you finished your homework?”

Rowan said smugly, “I finished them last night. I wouldn’t dare see you if I didn’t finish my homework.”

“You finished it all in one night? Looks like you don’t have enough homework.”

Rowan would only start his junior year in September and was still currently a sophomore. In high school, only sophomores had it a little easier.

“I had plenty of homework. My teachers assigned homework for every subject. Zack, you don’t know that I worked till midnight last night to finish all of them. I finished everything early because I wanted to play with my brother during these three days of holiday.”

Whenever there was a holiday in the past, he spent it doing his homework. If he did not finish them, his older brothers would not let him play.

Thus, Rowan became smart. Every time he had a holiday, he would finish his homework on the night before the holiday itself. It did not matter how late he had to stay up. That way, he would be able to play with his brothers.

“I’ll send you several sets of test questions later. Do more practice and strive to get into a good university. Don’t embarrass us.”

Rowan pulled a face upon hearing that. He hugged Sonny and said to Serenity. “Serenity, reign in Zack a little. I finally have a three-day holiday and finished my homework, but he wants to give me more test questions. Can’t I rest and have a good time with my brothers?”

Rowan clung to Serenity from the first time he saw her.

Back then, when he saw his high and mighty eldest brother helping Serenity carry her bags, he knew that Zachary would fall into her hands sooner or later. Thus, he clung to Serenity tightly.

Serenity said to Zachary, “Rowan finished all his homework. Let him relax for the holidays. You at least have to let him play for a day. Studies are important, but he needs to have a good school-life balance. You can’t keep forcing him to study. It’ll be counterproductive sometimes.”

Rowan echoed, “That’s right, that’s right. Everyone is forcing me to study and putting pressure on me. All eight of my older brothers were at the top of their classes. God knows how much pressure I’m under.”

“I’m still sending the test questions to you. You don’t need to revise today and do the questions, but you’d better be a good boy and finish them in the next two days. Seren, you have a lot of test questions in your store, right? Take a few sets for him to do.”

Rowan looked at Serenity as if pleading for help.

He forgot that his sister-in-law owned a bookstore, so she had test questions for days. Even if there were test questions that were not available in the bookstore, Serenity would probably be able to find a way for him to do them.

Serenity laughed. “There are many indeed, but I’m on vacation now and the store isn’t open. Next time, then. I’ll bring Rowan a few sets for the next holidays, during summer vacation. When he starts senior year, he can take any set of test questions from my store.”

Rowan was speechless. “Thank you in advance... Serenity.”

Fortunately, Serenity did not say that she would send him the test questions now.

However, he had eight older brothers. If all eight of them sent him a few sets, they would pile up into a mountain on his desk.

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Rowan was scared by the thought of his study desk being filled with test questions.

“I’ll just play for one day.” Rowan said conscientiously and did not dare ask for more holidays.

His mom seemed ignorant of this and did not care about his cousins pressuring him with sets of test. questions.

Rowan was the youngest among the cousins, and the youngest was the most favored. With eight excellent brothers watching over him, his mom was happy to do nothing.

“Sonny, come on, I’ll take you out to fly a kite.”

Rowan, who managed to ask for a day off, took Sonny out to go wild and play.

Duncan was worried about Sonny and followed them.

He wanted to continue to win Sonny over and make Sonny fonder of him. That way, he would soon be able to replace Hank and become Sonny’s dad.

“Rose, I heard Camryn’s aunts came to see you. What was it about?” Old Mrs. York asked her second daughter-in-law.

Rosella answered, “Those two have no sense of propriety. They came to tell me that Camryn is blind and isn’t good enough for Callum, wanting me to break them up. I wonder if they’re Camryn’s aunts at all.”

Old Mrs. York asked further, “How did you respond to them?”

“I told them that we don’t mind that Camryn can’t see. Even if she marries into our family, we don’t need her to do anything as long as she knows how to spend money. Her aunts were pissed off.”

Old Mrs. York was pleased with her daughter-in-law’s reply.

She said, "Camryn isn't as weak as she appears. Her flaw is that she hasn't recovered her eyesight, but her eyes can be treated. Callum is waiting for the genius doctor's apprentice—Dr. Carden—to return to Annenburg, and then he'll ask her to treat Camryn's eyes."

Mrs. York asked with concern, "Dr. Carden can cure Camryn's eyes, right? I heard Camryn's aunts say that she has been blind for a decade and has seen numerous eye specialists but nothing worked."

It would be best if Camryn could regain her sight.

If she were blind her whole life, Mrs. York would still accept it. As long as Callum liked her and did not mind, Mrs. York would have nothing to say as a mother-in-law,

After all, it was not Mrs. York who would be getting a wife, but her son.

Everything would be up to her son's wishes.

"Dr. Carden is the miracle doctor's only successor. It is said that she's an expert in medicine and poison. Camryn lost her sight due to drugs. If even Dr. Carden is helpless..."

Old Mrs. York did not go on. Everyone present understood what she meant.

Serenity said, "Nana, I've asked Camryn about it. She said she can see some light now but not clearly. She said a doctor used to treat her eyes and that it was effective, but unfortunately, that doctor later died of illness. Her treatment stopped after that."

Mrs. York was slightly relieved. She asked, "In that case, there's a chance for her eyes to be cured. When will Dr. Carden return to Annenburg?"

Zachary answered instead, "Dr. Carden and the fourth son of the Johnsons are in love, and she's pregnant now. Even if she returns to Annenburg, she won't travel far to treat patients so soon. We might only be able to ask her to come and treat Ms. Camryn's eyes after she's done with giving birth, the baby's sip and see shower, and her wedding to Mr. Johnson.

"We'll probably have to wait a few months."

Zachary was most informed about Dr. Carden.

This was because he had the most dealings with the Johnsons.

"Camryn has waited for a decade, so a few more months will be nothing. We won't give up as long as there's a little hope. Even if there's no hope, I won't despise her," Mrs. York expressed.

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Tania said, "That child is pitiful. God won't forsake her

Serenity did not come from a prominent background but was healthy.

Plus, her daughter-in-law made progress. Tania used to be a little dissatisfied with her, but she did not mind anymore when Camryn was used as a comparison.

Besides, Tania and Serenity developed a good relationship after a long time together.

Grandma May said, "God is a powerful being. You young people should go out and play. You don't need to accompany us old people."

She shoed her grandsons out to have fun.

Zachary took Serenity out to look for Sonny.

Liberty did not want to face Duncan, so she stayed in the house with the elders and listened to their conversation. It was a conversation among wives, so she could not chime in.

Even so, she did not feel inferior. She knew she had not entered the circle yet. Once she became successful in the future, she would naturally be a part of the women of the high society.

"Liberty, join me for a walk."

Grandma May wanted to talk to Liberty.

"Okay."

Liberty smiled and stood up. She went forward to support Grandma May.

Grandma May did not need Liberty's help anymore after she got up.

Tania and the others watched the old and young leave. Afterward, Tania said to her sisters-in-law, "Seren's sister lost a lot of weight."

She felt that Liberty looked much better with a bit more weight on.

Liberty had become skinny.

“Yes, she lost a lot of weight. I’ve only seen her a few times, and my impression of her was when she was still plump. It’s normal for her to lose weight after such a huge incident,” one of Tania’s sisters-in-law said.

She was referring to Liberty’s hospitalization.

Liberty’s weight had dropped to what it used to be before she was married.

She accompanied Grandma May out of the main house and walked toward the lotus pond at the old lady’s request.

It was huge. When the lotuses bloom in June, it would be a treat to admire them from the viewing point.

At this time, small lotuses were budding.

“Liberty, you know about Duncan’s liking for you, right?”

Liberty was startled for a while before she asked, “Grandma May, you know about it too?”

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Grandma May smiled and said, “I could tell since long ago. Duncan didn’t admit to liking you back then. He thought he liked Sonny instead and was only nice to you because you’re Sonny’s mom. Perhaps he liked Sonny at first and had slowly come to like you later on.”

Liberty blushed and said, “Grandma May, I have no feelings for Mr. Lewis. He confessed to me, but ! politely rejected him.”

Grandma May asked, “Is it because of Mrs. Lewis? She’s not ill-natured, but her idea of an appropriate match in terms of social status is deeply ingrained in her. Honestly, it’s good for a married couple to be well-matched, so I don’t blame her for being so persistent.”

“I also think that a married couple should be well-matched. Mr. Lewis and I are not, and I’ve never thought of anything happening between us. I’m only an ordinary tenant who rents his shop lot.”

Liberty did not have the idea of rising to the top.

Her sister could do that due to her good fortune, but she did not want to pursue such a life.

Serenity was blessed such that her in-laws and their family never disliked her, but there was also huge pressure on her. If she and Zachary did not have a good relationship, Liberty dared say that she would not be willing to bear so much pressure and would have split up with Zachary long ago.

They were ordinary people who only wanted to live normal lives.

“I’ll tell you what I think. Other people might not be suitable for you, but Duncan is a good match. He comes from a wealthy family but was utterly rebellious in his youth. He ran away from home for many years and suffered while he was outside.

“He can live the ordinary life you want with you. In terms of materials, he only fancies luxury cars and is very low-key in other aspects. He doesn’t have extravagant pursuits, so it’ll be extremely easy for him to blend into your life,” Grandma May noted.

Liberty responded after some thought, “Grandma May, I’ve experienced a failed marriage. Hank and I knew each other for over a decade, were in love for a few years, and married for more than three years. Even so, we ended in a divorce. I no longer look forward to marriage and love.

“I don’t need to marry again, and I don’t need a man to rely on. My life is pretty good now. In addition to earning money, my biggest wish is for Sonny to be successful. Marriage doesn’t necessarily bring happiness to a woman. Most of the time, it is painful and exhausting.

“A woman is often the one who makes sacrifices in a marriage. I quit my job back then to care for our baby at home—give birth and take care of our child. I became a full-time housewife, but what did I get? I was disconnected from society and lived my life around my husband and child. I didn’t have the time or mood to look presentable.

“Just like that, I accidentally became a plain-old housewife. I gave so much but they meant nothing to others. I was blamed for not coaxing our child when he cried, and I was condemned for not taking good care of him when he was sick. I was criticized for not raising our child well although I was always at home.

“When I spent money, I only spent on our small family, for my husband and my child, I was reluctant to spend money on myself. I was scolded by my husband when I

occasionally bought new clothes for myself. He questioned my need for new clothes since I didn't have to socialize.

"Whenever I asked for some allowance, I was asked to spend less. I was accused of buying too many things, which he thought must be where the money was all spent on. It was as if I was greedy for money.

All in all, I always had to face my husband's criticisms.

"He knew I had no income but asked me to split everything evenly. I sacrificed so much for our love, our marriage, and our family, but I was asked to pay for half of everything as though I took advantage of him. He wanted me to go out to work and make money, but he also wanted me to continue to be a free nanny. at home."

Liberty summed up her failed marriage and asked, "Grandma May, if you were me, would you still believe in marriage and love? Such a thing can happen in the first marriage, let alone the second marriage.

"I don't want to remarry—I won't consider getting married at least in these few years. Grandma May, if Mr. Lewis doesn't give up, I'd like you to help introduce me to a man who can act with me so that Mr. Lewis can give up on the idea."

Grandma May said, "A woman does give a lot in an ordinary marriage. It's fine if the husband

understands, but it'll be disappointing if he doesn't. Perhaps this is why many women don't want to get married.

"There's no rush now. You can give Duncan a chance first. If you can't accept him after all that he does, and want him to give up, I'll arrange for someone to act with you. I just feel that Duncan and Hank are different."

Liberty laughed at herself and replied, "I'm traumatized after what happened. Mr. Lewis is great now but... Who knows? Hank used to be great as well. I never imagined us to be divorced."

Things also became ugly before the divorce.

Hank became wild and cheated on Liberty with Jessica after he was slightly successful in his career and earned some money.

Duncan was richer than Hank and came from a wealthy family. Liberty could not believe that Duncan's feelings for her would never change.

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Grandma May sighed and stopped speaking for Duncan.

After all, she could not guarantee that Duncan would treat Liberty well for the rest of their lives.

“Are the Browns still pestering you?”

Grandma May changed the topic and asked Liberty with concern.

“Seren asked our grandparents to come and rented a place for them on the same floor as the Browns. The Browns have to pass by my grandparents’ unit every time they go out. With my grandparents in the way, my ex-in-laws rarely appear in front of me nowadays.”

The old lady chuckled and said, “That’s a good idea. I don’t have a good relationship with your grandparents, but you’re still their granddaughter. They have conflicts with and grudges against the Browns, to begin with, so they’re helping you.”

“Seren gave my grandparents the right amount of money from the rent my uncle pays. She also provided them with a rental unit and paid for their food, so of course, they’ll help me.”

Liberty always felt that her grandparents would not help her if they would not benefit from it.

Grandma May commented after a moment of silence, “It’s worth it to do them a little favor to solve your problem. Besides, they’re your grandparents.”

Liberty fell silent for a while. She said after some thought, “Sometimes, I think I’m useless as a sister, always needing Seren to make arrangements and sacrifice for me.”

Grandma May responded, “You can’t say that. After both your parents died, if Seren didn’t have you as her sister, she would’ve probably been sent to an orphanage. You can imagine what kind of life she would’ve lived. You’re the older sister and a mother to her.

“Sisters should help each other without being overly concerned. Seren is extremely grateful to you.”

She took Liberty's hand and patted the back of it. "Liberty, you're a good person. Even if you had been lost, you've walked out of it. Trust that you'll live a better life."

"Grandma May, thank you. I will."

When Liberty first resigned from Lewis & Co. back then and thought of starting her own business, she hoped to become rich one day. Even if it was not for herself, she wanted to do it for her sister and her son.

If she became rich and successful, she would become her sister's backing. If her sister was bullied, she could speak up for her.

Though, the Yorks treated Serenity very well.

Serenity and Zachary would still occasionally have conflicts. Liberty always felt useless as she could not be her sister's backbone. Serenity was always afraid of letting her know when she and Zachary were at odds and not on talking terms.

Perhaps Serenity did not want Liberty to worry.

However, Liberty felt that she was useless. Even if she knew, she could not help her sister.

"Let's go look at the lotuses."

"We're not going to see them fly kites?"

Grandma May answered with a smile, "With so many people keeping Sonny company, you can be at ease.

Rowan is good at taking care of kids. Besides, Duncan's also with them."

Since Duncan was present, he would be there for Sonny no matter what happened.

"Duncan likes Sonny very much. I watched him grow up, and I rarely see him treat a child so well. His fondness for Sonny definitely isn't because of you," Grandma May added.

Liberty believed what the old woman said.

When Duncan started showing his liking for Sonny, Liberty was still a plump woman who weighed more than two hundred pounds. He could not have liked her at that time.

Nonetheless, Duncan was certainly nice to her in the beginning because of Zachary.

Perhaps he developed feelings for her later on.

Grandma May and Liberty went to the lotus pond to look at the flowers. Some had bloomed, but most of them were still budding.

On the big lawn, Rowan taught Sonny how to fly a kite. Once the kite flew, he passed the string to Sonny for him to grab it.

Following that, Rowan went to fly his own kite.

Duncan watched from the side and shifted his gaze to Sonny.

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“Dunc.”

Sonny pulled the kite string and walked toward Duncan.

Duncan smiled and pulled Sonny into his arms. He reached out to hold the kite string for Sonny and asked, “Are you happy?”

“Yeah. Row said he’d bring me to play in the children’s playground later,”

This was Sonny’s second time in Wildridge Manor. He remembered that his uncle’s house had a big children’s playground and that it was fun.

Duncan said dotingly, “I can also bring you there.”

“Dunc, you’re an adult, but Row isn’t one yet. I’ll be happier if he goes with me.”

Adults were not as playful as children.

The little one knew the difference very well.

Duncan caressed Sonny’s head and asked with a smile, “Sonny, you don’t want me anymore now that you have Row, huh?”

Sonny complained, “You only know how to stack blocks, Dunc.”

Duncan was speechless.

He liked Sonny, but he admitted that he was not doing a good enough job at pleasing Sonny, mainly because he had never liked a child like this before he knew Sonny.

“Sonny, come here. Let’s see whose kite flies higher,” Rowan shouted after his kite took off.

Sonny immediately pulled his kite and ran toward Rowan.

Duncan grinned and watched.

He was thinking about expanding the villa he always lived in and building a children’s playground so that Sonny could play in it in the future.

When Zachary and Serenity saw this, they did not walk over to disturb them from flying kites. The couple strolled hand in hand along a wooded path.

No one would be insensible enough to disturb the loving couple..

“Zachary.”

Zachary turned to look at Serenity.

Serenity continued, “Nana told me about my duties. I thought there were just a few stores, but I was shocked when I saw the accounts. The few bookshelves are full of account books. Do all women in your family manage these?”

Zachary chuckled and answered, “Not really. Only the head missus manages these. These are public and belong to the entire family. Some belong to our small family. I’ll slowly tell you about our small family’s businesses when you’re more familiarized with everything.”

Serenity responded, “I thought you were in charge of everything that makes money...”

“I’m in charge of the big businesses while you’re in charge of the small ones.”

Serenity was speechless. “There are so many books of accounts, yet you say they’re small businesses?”

“They’re small businesses as compared to what York Corporation deals with. If the shops are self- operated, only a few hundred thousand dollars will be earned in a year. At most, it’ll be more than at million dollars. Those that aren’t self–operated are rented out. The monthly rents are about 8,000 to 10,000 dollars, amounting to roughly 100,000 dollars a year.

“Chain stores earn a little more, but they’re not worth mentioning as compared to York Corporation. These small businesses are given to you to manage. The income will mainly be used for internal expenses, so treat it as your allowance as my wife.”

Simply the allowance was shocking.”

Although the money earned from each store in a year was not much to Zachary, the Yorks had many stores. In Serenity’s words, there were many account books on the few large bookshelves, which meant. that there was a lot of money.

The rent collected each month alone was money that could never be earned by ordinary people in a lifetime.

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